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U.S. marks 9/11 with somber tributes; Trump speaks at PA site

By JENNIFER PELTZ and KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans looked back on 9/11 Tuesday with tears and somber tributes as President Donald Trump hailed "the moment when America fought back" on one of the hijacked planes used as weapons in the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil. Victims' relatives said prayers for their country, pleaded for national unity and pressed officials not to use the 2001 terror attacks as a political tool in a polar-

ized nation.

Seventeen years after losing her husband, Margie Miller came from her suburban home to join thousands of relatives, survivors, rescuers and others on a misty morning at the memorial plaza where the World Trade Center's twin towers once stood.

"To me, he is here. This is my holy place," she said before the hours-long reading of the names of her husband, Joel Miller, and the nearly 3,000 others killed when hijacked jets slammed into the towers,



A woman weeps by herself as she leans against a tree during a ceremony marking the 17th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, at the World Trade Center in New York.

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the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001. The president and first lady Melania Trump joined an observance at the Sept. 11 memorial near Shanksville,

where one of the jetliners crashed after 40 passengers and crew members realized what was happening and several passengers tried to storm the cockpit. Calling it "the moment

when America fought back," Trump said the fallen "took control of their destiny and changed the course of history."

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EPA moves closer to rolling back Obama-era rules on methane

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and MATTHEW BROWN
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration moved closer Tuesday to rolling back Obama-era rules reducing oil and gas industry leaks of methane gas, one of the most potent agents of climate change. The Environmental Protection Agency formally released its proposed substitute for a 2016 Obama administration rule that aimed to step up detection and elimination of methane leaks at well sites and other oil and gas facilities. The agency's move is part of a broad Trump administration effort to undo President Barack Obama's legacy programs to fight climate change by cutting emissions from oil, gas and coal. The EPA's proposal Tuesday conceded that relaxing the Obama-era rule for methane leaks at oil and gas sites would put another 380,000 tons of methane into the atmosphere between 2019 and 2025. The amount is roughly



In this March 25, 2014 file photo, a worker adjusts pipes during a hydraulic fracturing operation at a well pad near Mead, Colorado.

equivalent to more than 30 million tons of carbon dioxide, another fossil-fuel emission that receives far more attention in efforts to slow climate change. The EPA noted that overall increased pollution as a result of its proposal "may also degrade air quality

and adversely affect health and welfare." Relaxing federal oversight will save \$75 million in regulatory costs annually, the agency said. Kathleen Sgamma, president of the Western Energy Alliance, a Colorado-based group that represents more than 300 companies, said the proposed changes make the EPA rule more efficient and work-

able. The previous rule was overly burdensome and "full of red tape. This rule cleans that up, makes it more practical" for industry to comply, Sgamma said in an interview.

Oil and gas drillers have "a four-decade long trend to reduce emissions," and the new EPA rules recognize that reality, Sgamma said, adding that she hopes an

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Interior rule to be finalized in coming days will show a similar practical streak. The pending rule by the Bureau of Land Management applies to fracking sites on public lands.

Environmentalists contend energy companies already have demonstrated they can comply with tougher monitoring and that only poorly operated companies were having trouble with the new requirements.

"Once again, the Trump administration is putting the interests of the worst-operated oil and gas companies ahead of the health and welfare of everyday Americans," said Matt Watson, an associate vice president at the Environmental Defense Fund.

California Gov. Jerry Brown on Tuesday told a meeting in San Francisco ahead of a climate conference there that President Donald Trump's proposal to ease monitoring of methane releases is "insane" and "borders on criminality."

"It perhaps is the most obvious and dangerous and irresponsible action by Mr. Trump — and that's saying quite a lot," Brown said. □

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McConnell says GOP in 'knife fight' to hold Senate majority



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., right, Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., left, Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., center left, speak with reporters after the Republican policy luncheon on Capitol Hill, in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is referencing hurricanes to describe the

"challenging election" that Senate Republicans are facing.

The Kentucky Republican

says the "wind's going to be in our face, we don't know if it's going to be Category 3, 4 or 5." He named nine states, including Tennessee and Indiana, as places where Senate races are "dead even."

"Every one of them like a knife fight in an alley, just a brawl in every one of those places," McConnell told reporters Tuesday in Louisville. He says he hopes "when the smoke clears we'll still have a majority in the Senate."

Republicans have a slim 51-49 Senate majority, but they have one big advantage in the election. They are defending only nine incumbent seats, while Democrats are defending 26. □

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They "joined the immortal ranks of American heroes," said Trump.

At the Pentagon, Vice President Mike Pence recalled the heroism of service members and civilians who repeatedly went back into the Pentagon to rescue survivors.

The terrorists "hoped to break our spirit, and they failed," he said.

At the United Nations, Security Council members stood for a moment of silence, led by U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley.

The 9/11 commemorations are by now familiar rituals, centered on reading the names of the dead. But each year at ground zero, victims' relatives infuse the ceremony with personal messages of remembrance, inspiration and concern.

For Nicholas Haros Jr., that concern is officials who make comparisons to 9/11 or invoke it for political purposes.

"Stop. Stop," implored Haros, who lost his 76-year-old mother, Frances. "Please stop using the bones and ashes of our loved ones as props in your political theater. Their lives, sacrifices and deaths are worth so much more. Let's not trivialize them."

This year's anniversary comes as a heated midterm election cycle kicks into high gear. But there have long been some efforts to separate the solemn anniversary from political campaigns. The group 9/11 Day, which promotes volunteering on the anniversary, asks candidates not to campaign or run political ads for the day. Organizers of the ground zero ceremony allow politicians to attend, but they've been barred since 2011 from reading names or delivering remarks.

If not political speeches, there were politically tinged appeals from some victims' relatives amid the reading.

"May we support our president to lead our country,"

said Joanne Barbara, who lost her husband, Fire Department Assistant Chief Gerard Barbara.

Another victim's family sent a different message.

"My hope is that discrimination, hatred and bigotry will cease and that we all will come together and love," said Debra Epps, a sister of victim Christopher Epps.

Another sister, Chaundra, had an answer for anyone who wonders why families still come to such ceremonies after 17 years.

"Because soldiers are still dying for our freedom. First responders are still dying and being ill," Chaundra Epps said, adding, "God bless America that's never, ever, stopped being great."

Trump uses "Make America Great Again" as a slogan. Other relatives laid bare the toll their losses had taken on their families. Thomas Langer said his brother, Timmy, "drank himself to death" after losing his wife, Vanessa, and their unborn child on Sept. 11.

"I witnessed my brother endure the pain that no one human being was ever meant to bear," Thomas Langer said.

Sept. 11 still shapes American policy, politics and everyday experiences in places from airports to office buildings, even if it's less of a constant presence in the public consciousness after 17 years.

A stark reminder came not long after last year's anniversary: A truck mowed down people, killing eight, on a bike path within a few blocks of the World Trade Center on Halloween.

In December, a would-be suicide bomber set off a pipe bomb in a subway passageway near Times Square, authorities said. They said suspects in both attacks were inspired by the Islamic State extremist group.

The recent attacks scare Ruben Perez, who read names at the trade center Tuesday.

"I get very worried for the state of society. ... It's part of what it means to be hu-

man in the 21st century, a fear for public safety," said Perez, 23, who lost his uncle, Calixto Anaya Jr.

It will serve as a way to recognize those who became sick or died from exposure to toxins released when the Trade Center's twin towers collapsed. Researchers have documented elevated rates of respiratory ailments, post-traumatic stress disorder and other illnesses among people who spent time in the rubble.

About 38,500 people have applied to a compensation fund, and over \$3.9 billion in claims have been approved.

Meanwhile, a subway station destroyed on 9/11 finally reopened Saturday. In June, doors opened at



A New York City firefighter stands at attention by a memorial at the side of a firehouse adjacent to One World Trade Center and the 9/11 Memorial site during ceremonies on the anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.

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the 80-story 3 World Trade Center, one of several rebuilt office towers that have been constructed or planned at the site.

Victims' families, too, have evolved and grown.

"Even though I never met you," Isabella Del Corral said of her slain grandfather, Joseph Piskadlo, "I'll never forget you." □



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Republicans lack votes _ and appetite _ to end 'Obamacare'

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arizona's new senator says he'd vote to repeal the nation's health care law. That's one additional Republican ready to obliterate the statute because his predecessor, the late Sen. John McCain, helped derail the party's drive with his fabled thumbs-down vote last year.

It could well be too little, too late.

After years of trying to demolish former President Barack Obama's prized law, GOP leaders still lack the votes to succeed. Along with the law's growing popularity and easing premium increases, that's left top Republicans showing no appetite to quickly refight the repeal battle.

"I'm not going to be asking for another vote on that this year," No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Cornyn of Texas said last week when asked if he favored reopening the issue in a postelection lame duck session. No. 3 House leader Steve Scalise, R-La., said, "We need to



In this Sept. 5, 2018, photo, Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., waits to be sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence during his ceremonial swearing-in at the Old Senate Chamber on Capitol Hill, in Washington.

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win this election and then get more seats next year." Each is their party's chief vote counter.

That means any serious push to annul the statute would almost certainly hinge on Republicans retaining House control and adding Senate seats in November's elections, neither

of which is assured. If either goal eludes them on Election Day, President Donald Trump's ability to deliver on one of his top campaign promises would have to wait for a second term, if he gets one.

Republicans seemed to gain ground last week when Sen. Jon Kyl replaced

McCain, who died in August from brain cancer. Kyl said in a brief interview that he would have backed the measure that McCain opposed, a pivotal vote that would have sustained the repeal drive.

"It seems to me that would have been a useful thing to do," Kyl said.

That bill failed 51-49. A "yes" from McCain would have meant a 50-50 tie that Vice President Mike Pence could have broken by casting his own vote.

Yet the two other GOP senators who also voted no, Maine's Susan Collins and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, haven't relented. With Republicans controlling the Senate 51-49, the GOP remains short of the 50 votes they'd need.

"I would still oppose outright repeal," Collins said in a short interview last week. In a written statement, aides said Murkowski "is not interested in another rushed, partisan process in the absence of a quality, comprehensive replacement" for the law.

Republicans have one fewer seat this year because Alabama Democrat Doug Jones defeated Republican Roy Moore in a December special election. Moore had defeated incumbent GOP Sen. Luther Strange in a party primary. Senate Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has ruled out revisiting the health care fight before November's midterm elections, citing the crush of spending and other bills facing Congress. He's displayed little desire to revisit the issue, which many Democrats are using in their election campaigns because Obama's law is widely accepted, especially provisions like requiring insurers to cover people with pre-existing medical conditions.

Returning to the health care fight is a decision "I don't have to reach anytime soon and don't have time to facilitate, even if I was so inclined," McConnell told reporters last week. He has said he doesn't want to resume the fight unless he can win, and his House counterpart is also showing his focus is elsewhere.

"I haven't even thought about it," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

A lame-duck session would last barely over a month and likely be absorbed with lingering budget disputes and picking the new Congress' leaders.

That would leave scant time for health care work, such as resolving intractable disputes about what a replacement bill would look like.

Then they would need an official cost estimate of any bill from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, which could take weeks. They'd also have to take procedural steps to protect their bill from a Senate Democratic filibuster, which would otherwise essentially kill the measure by requiring Republicans to garner 60 votes to succeed.

"There's still a process that we have to go through, and people have to be aware of it," said Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., who opposes the health care program. "You don't just drop it from heaven like manna." Explaining the diminished urgency, Cornyn cited Congress' repeal last December of the tax penalty on people who don't buy individual insurance. □

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Elizabeth Smart outraged 1 of her kidnappers to be freed

By BRADY McCOMBS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman convicted of helping a former street preacher kidnap Elizabeth Smart in 2002 will be freed from prison more than five years earlier than expected, a surprise decision that Smart called "incomprehensible" on Tuesday.

Wanda Barzee, 72, will be released Sept. 19 after the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole determined it had miscalculated the time she was required to serve in prison, board spokesman Greg Johnson said.

Barzee pleaded guilty to kidnapping Smart and helping keep her captive for nine months before then-teenager was found and rescued.

Smart, now 30, said in a statement she was "surprised and disappointed" to learn that Barzee will be freed next week. She said she's exploring her options and plans to speak publicly in the coming days.

"It is incomprehensible how someone who has not cooperated with her mental health evaluations or risk assessments and someone

who did not show up to her own parole hearing can be released into our community," Smart said.

The board said previously that Barzee would be released in January 2024 after it denied her an early parole following a hearing that she chose not to attend. At that June hearing, the board said Barzee had refused to take a psychological exam.

At the same hearing, her attorney questioned the calculation of her release date. Lawyer Scott Williams said Tuesday he appreciates that the board reviewed it and agreed with his assessment.

Williams said he's not concerned about Barzee being a danger to the community, but declined to say why. Williams has said Barzee has been diagnosed with several mental illnesses.

Smart's abduction from her Salt Lake City bedroom at knifepoint by a man who came in through an open kitchen window triggered waves of fear around the country.

Smart was found while

walking with Barzee and Mitchell on a street in the suburb of Sandy, Utah, by people who recognized the couple from media reports.

Mitchell is serving a life sentence after being convicted of kidnapping and raping Smart. He and Barzee were married at one point. Barzee has been in custody for a total of 15 years from the time she was arrested in March 2003. She was convicted of both state and federal crimes. She was transferred to the Utah state prison in April 2016 after finishing a federal sentence in Texas.

Smart, now married with two children, has written a book about the ordeal and helped make a Lifetime movie and documentary. She is now a child safety activist who regularly gives speeches.

She said in her statement she appreciates the support she's receiving and vowed to work to address the issue of Barzee's release so the same thing doesn't happen again.

Barzee will be under federal supervision for five years. □

Woman's death raises concern about Minneapolis homeless camp

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The death of a woman living at a Minneapolis homeless camp is raising fresh concerns about the health of the rapidly growing number of people staying there.

Alissa Rose Skipintheday, 26, was found unconscious and not breathing last week near the camp, which is known by locals as the Wall of Forgotten Natives because it is close

to a highway sound wall and is made up primarily of Native Americans. Skipintheday died Saturday at Hennepin County Medical Center, the Star Tribune reported.



This 2017 photo provided by the Utah Department of Corrections shows Wanda Barzee.

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Florence could rival North Carolina's 1954 'benchmark storm'

By EMERY P. DALESIO

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The last time the midsection of the East Coast stared down a hurricane like this, Dwight Eisenhower was in the White House and Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were newlyweds.

Hurricane Florence could inflict the hardest hurricane punch North Carolina has seen in more than 60 years, with rain and wind of more than 130 mph (209 kph).

North Carolina has been hit by only one other Category 4 storm since reliable record keeping began in the 1850s. That was Hurricane Hazel in 1954. Hurricane Hugo made landfall in South Carolina as a Category 4 hurricane in 1989.

In comparison, Florida, which is closer to the equator and in line with the part of the Atlantic where hurricanes are born, off the African coast, has had at least five hurricanes in the past century of Category 4 or greater, including Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

Hazel's winds were clocked at 150 mph (240 kph) at the North Carolina coast and kept roaring inland. They were only slightly diminished by the time the storm reached Raleigh, 150 miles (240 kilometers) inland. Nineteen people died in North Carolina. The storm destroyed an estimated 15,000 buildings.

"Hazel stands as a benchmark storm in North Carolina's history," said Jay



In this Oct. 15, 1954 file photo, Hurricane Hazel destruction is seen in Morehead City, N.C.

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Barnes, author of books on the hurricane histories of both North Carolina and Florida. "We had a tremendous amount of destruction all across the state."

Twelve hours after its landfall, Hazel was in Buffalo, New York, and had ripped through seven states with winds still swirling at 100 mph (160 kph) or more.

Few people have experienced the ferocity of a storm like Hazel, which also was blamed for at least 60 deaths in Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York state. Jerry Helms, 86, was on his honeymoon on a barrier island off the North Caro-

lina coast when Hazel hit on the evening of Oct. 14, 1954. He and his new bride had been to a roller skating rink and missed the evacuation warnings from police officers who went door to door.

Hazel obliterated all but five of 357 buildings in the beach community now known as Oak Island. The Helmses barely survived.

As the storm crashed ashore, they abandoned their mobile home for a two-story frame house. Before long, it was collapsing under the waves and "the house was falling in, and all the furniture was falling out

through the floor," Helms recalled Monday.

He thought the roof of a neighboring cinderblock house might be safer, but soon a big wave went over that house. When the wave went out, the house was gone, Helms said.

"There was another house — a wooden house that was coming down the road more or less — and it had some guy in that thing and he's hollering for help," he said.

Helms pushed a mattress through the top-floor window, and they hung on as it bobbed in the raging water.

What lessons is he applying now that a similarly powerful hurricane is coming?

"I didn't feel like it was going to be bad enough to leave," Helms said. "I don't know. I just felt better about staying here than I did leaving."

He doesn't have a safer destination in mind and, having recently broken ribs in a fall, Helms fears getting stuck as thousands abandon the coast.

Meanwhile, Aida Havel and her husband, John, made preparations Monday to evacuate their home in the Outer Banks village of Salvo, where they've lived for about a year. They are heading about 200 miles (320 kilometers) inland to their former hometown of Raleigh, where Hurricane Fran hit in 1996. Fran took a similar inland path to what forecasters predict for Florence.

"I had a tree that smashed my car down in my driveway," Aida Havel said. "Even though that was 22 years ago, I have never gotten over it."

The throngs of vehicles heading inland demonstrate the big difference between Hazel's impact and the damage Florence could cause, Barnes said.

"Today, we have thousands and thousands of permanent residents on our barrier beaches," he said. "It's a totally different scenario with regard to human impact." □

Authorities: Dead Oregon hiker likely killed by cougar

By GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press

PORLAND, Ore. (AP) — Authorities say a dead hiker whose body was recovered this week was likely killed by a cougar, marking the first fatal attack by a wild cougar in Oregon and the second in the Pacific Northwest this year.

Search and rescue teams found the body of Diana Bober, 55, on Monday off a trail in the Mount Hood National Forest in Welches, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) southeast of Portland. Her body was several miles from where searchers found her car last week near a ranger station.

Prisons chief: Execution drug supply error not state's fault

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada's prisons director says a supplier's error providing drugs the state wanted for an execution wasn't the state's fault, and he felt no obligation meet manufacturer demands to return them.

State corrections department chief James Dzurenda (zur-EHN'-dah) acknowledged Tuesday he received pharmaceutical firms' letters prohibiting their products from being used for executions.

Dzurenda said he filed the letters away without sharing them with other state officials at a time officials were trying to find ways to obtain drugs for Nevada's first execution in 12 years. Dzurenda is the first witness in state court hearings on a bid by three companies to show Nevada improperly obtained their products for an execution. □

Bober, an avid hiker who often trekked in the Mount Hood and Columbia River Gorge area, was last heard from by family and friends on Aug. 29. She was reported missing on Friday and it's still unclear when she started her hike, said Sgt. Brian Jensen of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. Her body had injuries consistent with a cougar attack and a medical examiner ruled out the possibility that she was mauled after she died of another cause, Jensen said. DNA samples collected at the scene were being flown by the Oregon State Police to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service laboratory for further analysis, he said. Authorities warned a local school district of the attack and advised other hikers to stay out of the area.

Oregon wildlife officials are attempting to find and kill the animal, he said.

"This is an unprecedented



This March 8, 2006, file photo provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shows a cougar in the Beulah Wildlife Management Unit in Oregon's Malheur County.

Associated Press

event in Oregon," said Brian Wolfer, watershed manager for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. "We don't know what risk it poses to the public." Cougar sightings are relatively common in Oregon, particularly in more rural areas, but Bober's death appears to be the first fatal attack. There are about 6,600 cougars — also called commonly called mountain lions or pumas — throughout Oregon. State wildlife officials get about 400 complaints about the animals each year, ac-

cording to authorities. Cougars can be killed by landowners or law enforcement officials when they pose a threat to human safety or cause damage to livestock or agricultural crops. They also can be hunted. Over the past decade, about 20 cougars have been killed each year in the wildlife management area where Bober's body was found. In May, a mountain biker in Washington state was killed by a cougar on a trail east of Seattle, the first fatal attack in that state in 94 years. □

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International court says it's 'undeterred' by US threats

By KATHY GANNON

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Afghan rights workers warned Tuesday that a blistering U.S. attack on the International Criminal Court investigating war crimes allegations will strengthen a climate of impunity in Afghanistan, prolong the war and embolden those committing acts of violence.

In a speech Monday, U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton said Washington would not cooperate with The Hague-based court and threatened it with sanctions, saying it put

U.S. sovereignty and national security at risk.

The CIA and U.S. forces have been accused of committing war crimes in Afghanistan.

"It's very unfortunate because delivering justice to victims will help to facilitate the peace process in Afghanistan," said Sima Samar, head of Afghanistan's Human Rights Commission. "Justice is not a luxury. It is a basic human right."

In The Hague, the ICC said it will continue to do its work "undeterred," despite Bolton's condemnation.



In this April 7, 2018, file photo, Dr. Sima Samar, chairperson of Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission, speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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The court said in a statement that it was established by a treaty supported by 123 countries. It says it prosecuted cases only when those countries failed to do so or did not do so "genuinely." Afghanistan is a signatory.

During a three-month period that ended in January, the court received a staggering 1.7 million allegations of war crimes from Afghanistan, although some of those accusations involved entire villages.

Still, thousands of individual statements as well as those filed on behalf of multiple victims were received by the ICC in The Hague. The statements were collected by organizations based in Europe and Afghanistan.

Bolton's speech came as an ICC judge was expected to announce a decision soon on a request from prosecutors to formally open an investigation into allegations of war crimes committed by Afghan national security forces, Tal-

iban and Haqqani network militants as well as U.S. forces and intelligence officials in Afghanistan since May 2003.

While the Bolton speech "was shocking in many parts," Washington was not expected to embrace the investigation, said Amal Nasser, permanent representative of the International Federation of Human Rights to the ICC.

Still, "the ICC prosecutor has not hesitated before in demonstrating that it will prosecute major powers," Nasser said.

"I think what the U.S. is promoting is a sense of the 'righteousness' and being above the law," she said in an email interview, noting the ICC has yet to decide whether there will be an investigation or its scope.

The 181-page prosecution request, dated November 2017, said "information available provides a reasonable basis to believe that members of United States of America armed

forces and members of the Central Intelligence Agency committed acts of torture, cruel treatment, outrages upon personal dignity, rape and sexual violence against conflict-related detainees in Afghanistan and other locations, principally in the 2003-2004 period."

Washington's unequivocal rejection of the court seems likely to embolden Afghanistan's U.S.-backed government, which refused Tuesday to respond directly to Bolton's outburst, but similarly dismissed war crimes allegations against Afghan National Security Forces as well as its intelligence agency.

President Ashraf Ghani's deputy spokesman, Shauhussain Murtazawi, said the Taliban, the Islamic State group affiliate and as many as 21 other anti-government groups have committed war crimes. He dismissed allegations against Afghan security forces, saying "government forces are always trying to save the people. It is the insurgents who are the killers of civilians." The prosecutor's request says there is "a reasonable basis to believe that members of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), in particular members of the National Directorate for Security (NDS) and the Afghan National Police (ANP), have engaged in systemic patterns of torture and cruel treatment of conflict-related detainees in Afghan detention facilities, including acts of sexual violence." □



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Separatists launch 'autumn of protests' on Catalonia Day

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) —

Hundreds of thousands of Catalan separatists let out a collective shout as they marched along a main artery in Barcelona on Tuesday, marking the first of a series of mass mobilizations demanding independence from Spain and the release of several high-profile secessionists from jail.

With the official slogan "Let's Make the Catalan Republic" printed on pink T-shirts and signs, protesters went silent at 5.14 p.m., which on a 24-hour clock is 1714 — the year when Barcelona fell in the Spanish War of Succession.

A loud cheer and cries of "independence" and "freedom" followed, sweeping along a six-kilometer (3.7-mile)-long stretch of the city's Diagonal avenue. In a giant symbolic wall, protesters toppled the image of a king of spades playing card, in an apparent rejection of the Spanish monarchy. Barcelona's local police estimated around 1 million protesters took part. Grassroots organizers said that 470,000 people had signed up online for the rally, with many more expected to join in.

The march on the traditional Sept. 11 holiday in Catalonia called "la Diada" has drawn similarly huge crowds of secession supporters in recent past years. This year's demonstration comes nearly one year after an illegal referendum on secession held by Catalan authorities led to an ineffective independence declaration that received no international recognition. Catalan separatist leaders and activists who pushed it, defying Spain's constitutional protection of territorial integrity, are either in prison awaiting trial

or have fled the country. Quim Torra, Catalonia's regional president, said Tuesday that while maintaining his pledge to see through the breakaway bid, his immediate focus is on putting pressure on the courts ahead of the trials of the separatist movement's jailed leaders.

Torra's goal is to stoke public showings of strength on Oct. 1, the anniversary of the referendum that was met by a police crackdown, the failed declaration of independence last Oct. 27, and the imminent start of the trials.

"In the coming weeks we are going to put all our efforts into denouncing" the situation of the jailed separatists, Torra said. "If the prisoners are not absolved, my government and the Catalan Parliament will take necessary action."

Some within the secessionist movement want Torra's government to immediately try again to unilaterally break with Spain.

"We have come here today to demand once again freedom for Catalonia," said 57-year-old Lourdes Casajus, who came from her home in Vic, a town in the Catalan heartland, to join the separatist rally. "Last Oct. 1, we voted in a referendum and the majority for independence wasn't respected. This Sept. 11 we demand that all the politicians, both from there and ours here, respect the people's will."

Torra, who came to power after secessionist parties won a regional election, has met with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez and is planning a second meeting, in what is considered a thawing of relations between Madrid and Barcelona. Torra wants Spain's

new center-left national government to agree to a binding independence referendum, while Sanchez will only offer a vote on increasing northeastern Catalonia's already considerable degree of self-rule. Catalonia's separatist political parties, which hold seats in Spain's Parliament, have failed to garner support to amend the Spanish Constitution to allow a vote on secession. □



In this photo released by the ANC, pro-Independence demonstrators carry giant "estelada" or independence flag during Catalan National Day in Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.

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Vatican official: Sex abuse scandal is church's 'own 9/11'

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ROME (AP)—A top Vatican official said Tuesday the clerical sex abuse scandal is such a game-changing catastrophe for the Catholic Church that he called it the church's "own 9/11" on the 17th anniversary of the attacks in the U.S.

Archbishop Georg Gaenswein, a top aide to both retired Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, told a book presentation that he by no means was comparing the scandal to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001. But he said the years-long scandal, and recent revelations in the Pennsylvania grand jury report, showed just "how many souls have been wounded irrevocably and mortally by priests from the Catholic Church."

"Today, even the Catholic Church looks full of confusion at its own 9-11, at its own Sept. 11, even though this catastrophe isn't associated with a single date but rather at so many days and years, and innumerable victims," he said.

While no one has attacked churches with airplanes full of passengers, Gaenswein said, recent news from the U.S. "sends a message that is even more terrible than the sudden collapse of all the churches of Pennsylvania together with the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington."

Gaenswein, who serves as secretary to Benedict and prefect of Francis' papal household, was speaking at a presentation of a book by conservative American author Rod Dreher, who has been at the forefront in reporting on the recent scandal in the U.S. over ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick.



In this Feb. 4, 2017 file photo, Archbishop Georg Gaenswein looks at Pope Francis delivering his message during an audience at the Paul VI Hall, at the Vatican.

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Francis removed McCarrick as a cardinal in July following a credible accusation that he groped a teenage altar boy in the 1970s. Soon thereafter, though, it emerged that it was apparently an open secret — including at the Vatican — that McCarrick routinely bedded seminarians and young priests.

The McCarrick scandal has taken on crisis proportions after the Vatican's former U.S. ambassador, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, accused two dozen Vatican and U.S. cardinals and bishops of covering up for McCarrick for two decades. Specifically, Vigano accused Francis of rehabilitating McCarrick from canonical sanctions imposed on him by Benedict 2009 or 2010.

The Vatican hasn't re-

sponded to the accusations, but "clarifications" are expected.

Gaenswein, who serves as an occasional spokesman for Benedict, has limited his comments about the Vigano scandal to denying a report that Benedict had confirmed Vigano's 11-page denunciation.

Gaenswein didn't refer to the Vigano scandal on Tuesday, but rather more generally to the "turbine of news of recent weeks." In comments first reported by the Catholic agency Aci Stampa, he cited specifically the Pennsylvania grand jury report, which found some 300 priests abused more than 1,000 children over 70 years — and bishops covered up for them.

He recalled that during a 2008 trip to the U.S., Bene-

dict spoke from the National Shrine to denounce the "profound shame" and pain

that abuse had caused the Catholic community. Benedict is credited with having turned around the Vatican on the issue of sex abuse while he was cardinal, forcing bishops around the world to send all their cases to him for review because they weren't sanctioning abusers.

Gaenswein's said Benedict's admonition was "apparently in vain, as we see today."

"Neither the lament of the Holy Father nor the formal assurances and commitments pledged by a large part of the hierarchy has been able to contain the evil," he said.

Gaenswein's speech, "The Catholic Church's Sept. 11," led off with comments

about the abuse scandal but then transitioned to speaking about Dreher's book "The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian World."

The book has made waves in conservative circles, with Dreher — a Catholic convert to Orthodox Christianity — suggesting Christians withdraw from society like the sixth-century St. Benedict of Norcia and create separate communities to live their faith more purely. The retired pope named himself after St. Benedict, and has continued to be a point of reference for traditionalist and conservative Catholics who long for the doctrinaire certainty of Benedict's 2005-2013 papacy.

Gaenswein's speech was remarkable, given the tumult underway in Francis' Vatican over the Vigano claims which pivot on what, if anything, Benedict did to sanction McCarrick, and what, if anything Francis did to undo it.

Francis has refused to comment directly, but nearly every day his homily at morning Mass has seemed somewhat related to the scandal.

On Tuesday, he focused on the role of bishops, and there were several in the pews at the chapel of the Santa Marta hotel where he lives, since new bishops are at the Vatican this week for training.

"These days it seems like the Great Accuser has it in for bishops," looking to "reveal sins to scandalize the people," according to a Vatican excerpt of his remarks. "It's true, there are some, we're all sinners."

Bishops, he said, should be men of prayer, and know they were chosen by God and keep close to their flock. □



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Russia launches biggest ever war games involving China

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
SERGEI GRITS

CHITA, Russia (AP) — Hundreds of thousands Russian troops swept across Siberia on Tuesday in the nation's largest ever war games also joined by China — a powerful show of burgeoning military ties between Moscow and Beijing amid their tensions with the U.S. Moscow said the weeklong Vostok (East) 2018 maneuvers will span vast expanses of Siberia and the Far East, the Arctic and the Pacific Oceans and involve nearly 300,000 Russian troops — nearly one-third of the country's 1-million-strong military. They will feature more than 1,000 aircraft, about 36,000 tanks and other military vehicles and 80 warships.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu has described the drills as even bigger than the country's largest Cold War-era exercise called Zapad 1981 that put NATO allies on edge. A retired Russian general said that the giant war games come as a warning to the U.S. against ramping up pressure on Russia.

"The maneuvers are aimed at deterring the aggressive intentions of the U.S. and NATO," Ret. Gen. Leonid Ivashov said. He was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying that the drills are "also a response to the U.S. sanctions."

China is sending about 3,200 troops, 900 combat vehicles and 30 aircraft to join the drills at a Siberian firing range, a significant deployment that reflects its shift toward a full-fledged



In this photo taken from video provided by Russian Defense Ministry Press Service on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, tanks roll during the military exercises in the Chita region, Eastern Siberia, during the Vostok 2018 exercises in Russia.

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military alliance with Russia. Mongolia also has sent a military contingent.

Asked if the U.S. is worried about a possible military alliance between Russia and China, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told Pentagon reporters Tuesday that, "I think that nations act out of their interests. I see little in the long term that aligns Russia and China."

As the maneuvers kicked off, Chinese President Xi Jinping visited Russia on Tuesday to attend an economic forum in Vladivostok. President Vladimir Putin treated Xi to pancakes with caviar and shots of vodka in a show of their warm rapport.

Moscow and Beijing have forged what they described as a "strategic partnership," expressing their shared opposition to the

"unipolar" world, the term they use to describe perceived U.S. global domination. However, the military drills they had until now were far smaller in scale, reflecting China's caution about alliances.

Some experts pointed out that the U.S. helped spawn closer Russia-China military ties by labeling them strategic competitors.

"They feel they need to embrace to deal with the increasingly high pressure

and containment from the U.S.," said Yue Gang, a military expert and retired Chinese army colonel.

He noted that China feels that the Washington's hostile attitude and actions, such as deploying the THAAD missile defense system in South Korea, relieve it of any need to take U.S. views into consideration when deepening strategic trust with Moscow.

"The war games have laid a foundation for China and

Russia to enhance cooperation on international arena and will lift the combat proficiency of both sides," he said.

The Chinese media touted the Chinese involvement in the maneuvers as the country's largest-ever dispatch of forces abroad for war games.

Some noted that the People's Liberation Army, which hasn't fought a war since the attempted invasion of Vietnam in 1979, is keen to learn from Russia's experience in the Syrian campaign, where it tested its latest weapons and tactics.

From China's perspective, the emerging military alliance with Russia sends a strong signal to the U.S. and its ally Japan as Beijing moves to defend its interests in the South China Sea, which China claims virtually in its entirety, as well as Taiwan and the Senkaku and Diaoyu islands controlled by Japan but claimed by Beijing. Hong Kong-based commentator Song Zhongping said China is anxious to acquire more experience in large-scale operations that might become a factor in a conflict with the U.S. and others over territorial claims in Asia. □

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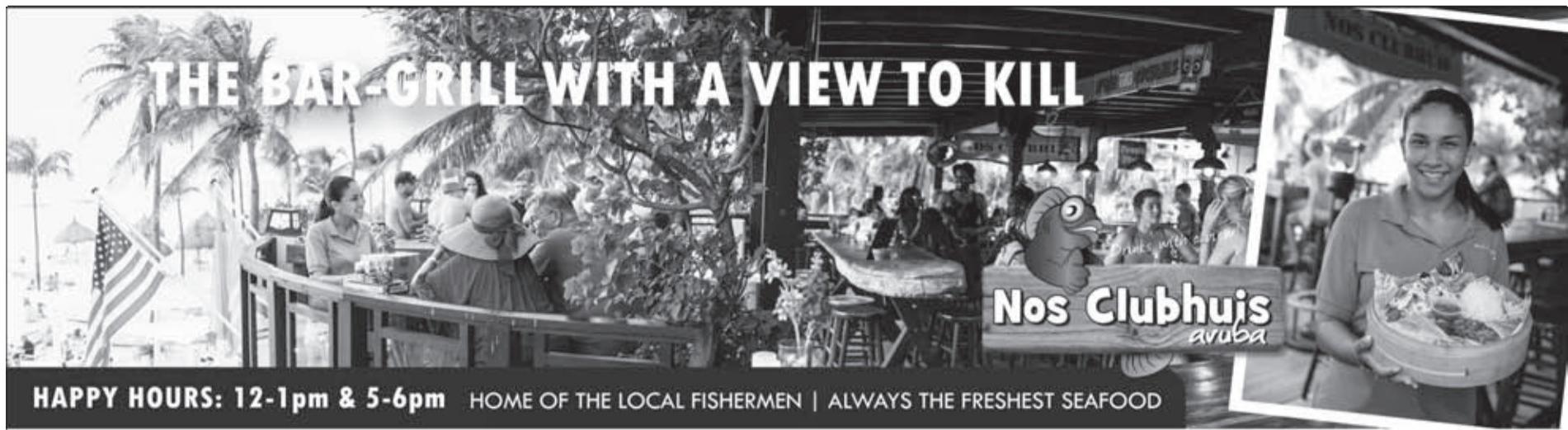


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Stories still emerge of the horrors after Chile's coup

By EVA VERGARA

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — The marine commander gave an order to Chief Petty Officer Pienovi, who moments before had obeyed an order to help send his own wife to a torture center.

"Take her!" he demanded — referring to the couple's frantic and shouting 9-year old child. And so he did, the daughter now recalls, raping his own child on the spot.

Forty-five years after the Chilean coup led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet, there are still stories emerging of the horrors that followed the Sept. 11, 1973, overthrow of Marxist President Salvador Allende.

Many accounts have come from the testimony of soldiers prosecuted for human rights violations, and others from those who endured kidnapping and torture, from those who watched the murder of friends. But other memories have remained repressed, rarely shared, such as those of children abused in their own homes by parents who were agents of the dictatorship.

That repression is still stamped on the mind of Vittoria E Natto, a 54-year-old teacher who uses that pseudonym to write and speak about her history. A strong noise, the sight of a soldier, still can shake her. "Even today, I see a uniform and I freeze," she told The Associated Press.

The coup set off a campaign of repression against suspected leftists across



In this Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018 photo, 54-year-old teacher Vittoria E Natto poses for a portrait inside her high school holding a photo of herself when she was 9 years old, in Santiago, Chile.

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Chile, with tens of thousands rounded up and tortured, often raped. The navy even took over several private vessels to help hold the sudden wave of prisoners. Among them was a ship known as the Lebu that held hundreds of captives at a time.

One of those on the black lists of suspected leftists was Vittoria's mother, Matilde. Her husband — who had been a member of naval intelligence — was summoned by superiors. He later recounted the conversation to his daughter:

"If you are not capable of maintaining order, that's treason," he said he was told. "So either all of you will go to the Lebu tonight or we will do what must be done."

Vittoria said her mother was

no militant, but had worked with left-leaning Catholics to collect food for the poor, and had organized Masses in her apartment with leftist priests, a class of person often targeted by the dictatorship.

Vittoria's 9th birthday fell that Sept. 22, and when she heard a knock on the door, she thought someone was bringing a late-night present.

Instead, two armed marines entered and pointed guns at her.

They shouted for her mother, and Vittoria watched her father hand Matilde over to them. The child began to shout and kick, angering the officer overseeing the arrest. "Take her!" he shouted to Pienovi. And he did, she recalls with tearful eyes.

Many prisoners of the dictatorship, which continued until 1990, suffered sustained and barbaric sexual assaults, sometimes including animals. Vittoria says her mother received "special treatment." Because her husband was in the service, she was allowed to go home two days after being raped by three officers.

"The woman they returned was a broken woman, changed, totally destroyed, totally destroyed, devastated. Me too. Me too," she recalled.

For a long time, she said, nobody spoke of those days, though nine years later, Vittoria threw her father out of the house. For 20 years, neither mother nor daughter sought psychiatric help. The memories were an emotionally

charged jumble. Then in 1998, she was told that Pinochet had been arrested in Britain on a Spanish warrant for human rights violations.

"I remembered everything at a stroke," she said. It set off a wave of memories that sent her into depression and eventually led her to seek medical help.

She married, had two children and divorced. Her mother came to live again with her. Today she's a teacher and has made contact with several groups of victims of the dictatorship through social media, though she has stopped attending the meetings of some.

"It's powerful, strange for them," she said, referring to people who were victimized by military men like her father. "It's strange for me too, because I am from the other side, but not from the other side. I'm from no side at all. I'm from no side: I'm the daughter, but I disagree with what my father did." The father retired after rising to the rank of lieutenant commander and died in 2006. Unlike scores of other former military officers, he was never prosecuted for abuses committed under the dictatorship.

Officials say more than 3,065 suspected leftists were killed under the dictatorship, and many their bodies were never recovered. As of this month, 174 people — most former soldiers — have been sentenced for abuses and hundreds more have been charged. □

LOCAL



Writer Rosabelle Illes invited to the 2018 Formosa International Poetry Festival

ORANJESTAD — Rosabelle Illes, artist, writer and performer of Aruba, received an invitation to be part of the Formosa International Poetry Festival which will take place in Taiwan between September 21st till the 27th. This event is organized by Tamsui Culture Foundation.

Rosabelle Illes, born in Aruba has been writing since she was 6 years old. At that time she only wrote poems for her family members. On special occasions her mother would give her a pile of greeting cards to fill in. She discovered her spiritual writings when she was 12. It all began with the poem 'Heaven On Earth', which is dedicated to her father. After sharing it with several people she realized that many could relate to it and enjoyed it. So she began to write not only to share with others, but to share with herself as well, since she too became curious.....

In 2016 Illes took part in an event in Bogota called "Fe-

ria Internacional del libro" (International Book Fair). Here she met a writer, Roberto Max Steenkist, who selected Illes as one of 123 poets around the world to be part of the International Anthology named "Oir ese Rio", hearing that river. All poets received a task in which they needed to write a poem about the river. Seeing that Aruba has no rivers Illes needed to improvise. She saw an image of a vein and decided to name her poem "Vein" and dedicated this to the river of our body. After the Anthology of "hearing that River" was published in Colombia and Argentina, Illes received an email from a re-known poet in Taiwan Mr. Lee Kuei-shien. Kuei-Shen who also took part of the Anthology invited Illes as one of the 15 international poets selected to be part of the famous Formosa International Poetry Festival in Taiwan.

Illes is extremely honored to be part of this project and is looking forward in learning more of their literature, get

to know more poets and continue exchanging ideas which makes her more and more curious about art and which will help her in her personal development.

Illes launched her first collection of poetry entitled Beyond Insanity. Five years later, she released Spiel di mi Alma(2010) (Mirror of my soul)—a collection of poetry written in her native language of Papiamento. Inspired by the notion of the world coming to an end in 2012, she created an Art Calendar entitled Wholism. She began exploring the discipline of prose while completing her minor in English literature during her bachelors' studies. After some of her short-stories were published in international journals, she decided to accumulate the pieces and include new poetry to create her third book TITLE (2016)—a collection of short stories, poems and thoughts. This year she will be introducing her 4th book which is a multi-lingual children's book written in partnership with Levi

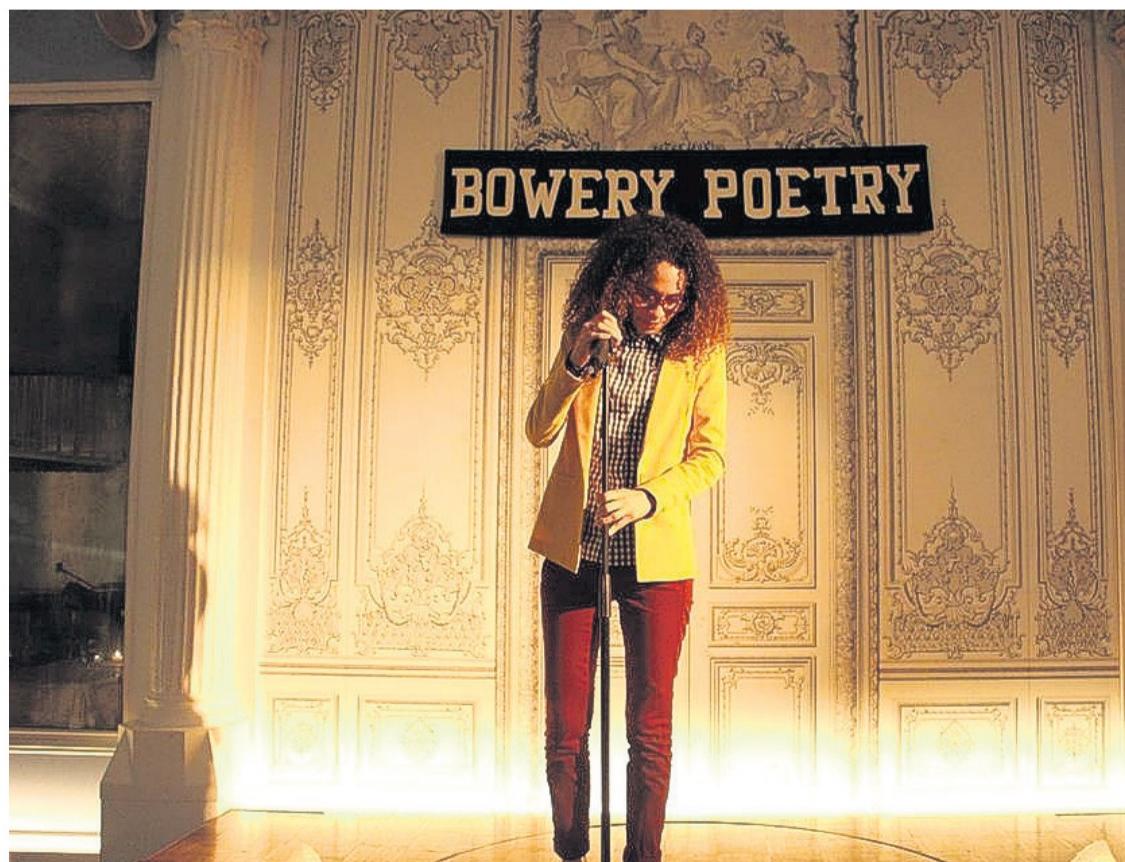
Silvanie of Curacao. Next to her own publications, she continues to collaborate with artists, companies and organizations creating content-based pieces, performances and projects.

For more information about Rosabelle Illes visit her website www.rosabellilles.com

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is that okay?
If at any moment,
for whatever reason,
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and I promise to surrender
Before I recite my prayer in your name,
I shall repeat your name 3 times,
Once for each breath you've taught me to take
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originally written in Papiamento by Rosabelle Illes
Translated to English by Jonelle Hector



Rotaract Club 26th edition of "Back to School"



ORANJESTAD — Rotaract Club of Aruba organized its 26th edition of "Back to School" with lots of fun and educational activities. The purpose of this project is to help kids with less resources to be able to go to school. Since the establishment of the club this activity has been organized until today.

The Rotaract Club of Aruba is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Aruba and is part of District 7030 of Rotary International. Rotaract originally began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968 and has grown into a major Rotary-sponsored organization of over 9,030 clubs spread around the

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they would need for school such as backpacks, school supplies, uniforms and reusable water bottles. All these kids received also an additional surprise this year they all received a free eye exam and those who needed glasses received it for free. All this just to make these kids life a happier one despite their circumstances. Besides these 23 kids another 52 kids have also received several school supplies that have been collected thru donations.

This year the Rotaract club decided to do something different for these kids between the ages of 12-14. They all have been invited to spend a day filled with

activities. The day started with a breakfast, followed by a trip in the submarine, in which they learned a lot about the marine life. Afterwards they continued to Villa Kamay Hills where they spent the rest of the day playing and swimming in the pool. Members of the club gave a presentation to the kids about sustainability in order to show them the importance of taking care

of the marine life and the environment.

Members of the Rotaract Club of Aruba are grateful to the entire community for their donations and the support they have been receiving throughout the years. For more information about the club visit their facebook page Rotaract Club of Aruba. □



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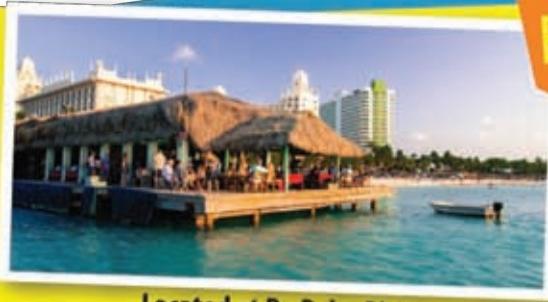
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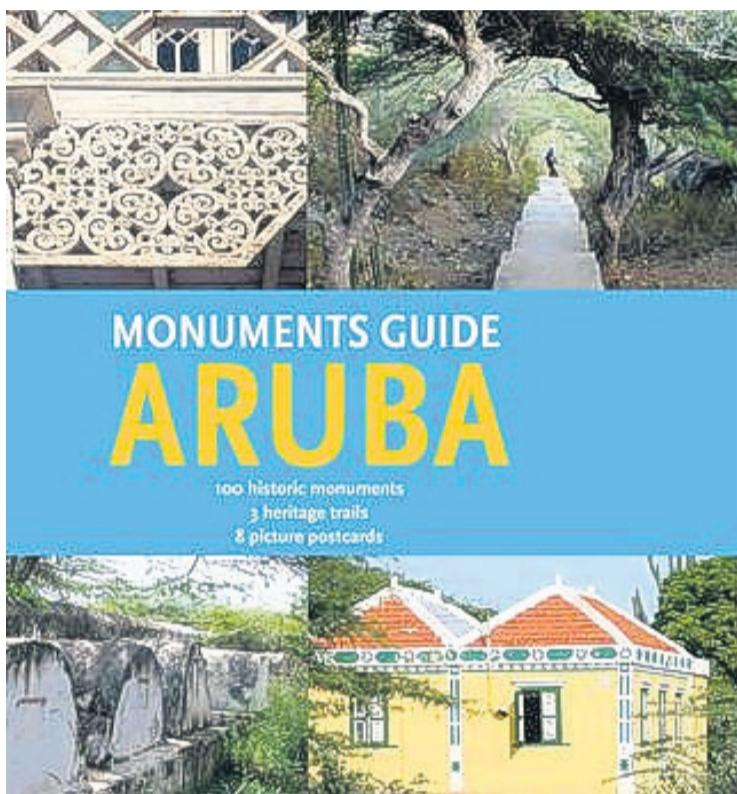


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Aruba Today dived into a local book store and wondered which Aruba books thrill the visitor's mind. Sylvia Wouters, store manager at Bruna Book Store, gladly helped us out and informed us about a small selection of Happy Island Miracles in pictures and words.

Aruba Point to Point by Federico Cabello

"Beautiful pictures of Aruba, this is a perfect coffee table book to dream away with", explains Sylvia. The book has 192 full color pages and more than 400 photos in a landscape format of 9.1 x 6.6 x 1.1 inches. In the words of the author: "Slipping beyond a dynamic tourist industry to discover its wild and undeveloped beauty. Starting at the extreme north of the island, at California Lighthouse, I travel south along pristine beaches of white sand and calm, translucent seas, passing hotels, sailboats and shipwrecks as I go. At the southern tip, it is hard not to wish that the island would never end. Then back up the rocky East coast, where time and the eternal embrace of the waves have opened secret bays and stunning beaches in the shelter of rock walls. From beach to beach, point to point, cave to cliff to boat to bird, Aruba truly is... One Happy Island."

We Are Aruba by Linda Reijnders

Worldly life tales of islanders that come from 76 different countries. This is a book that tells the stories of immigrants who make up for the multicultural society that Aruba is. A world within an island, a cocktail of people. The book is visibly enriched with a picture of each interviewed immigrant and an image of her/his country as well as a map with the country's location. In the back you will find a list with all nationalities living in the island and their numbers.

architectural heritage includes historic churches, a fort and a lighthouse. And you will come across the islands characteristic cunucu houses wherever you go. This guide will lead you through this wonderful cultural heritage along three routes: one driving route around the entire island, and two walking routes in the cities of Oranjestad and San Nicolas. You will discover places known only to insiders. And of course this guide also provides historical backgrounds and practical information.

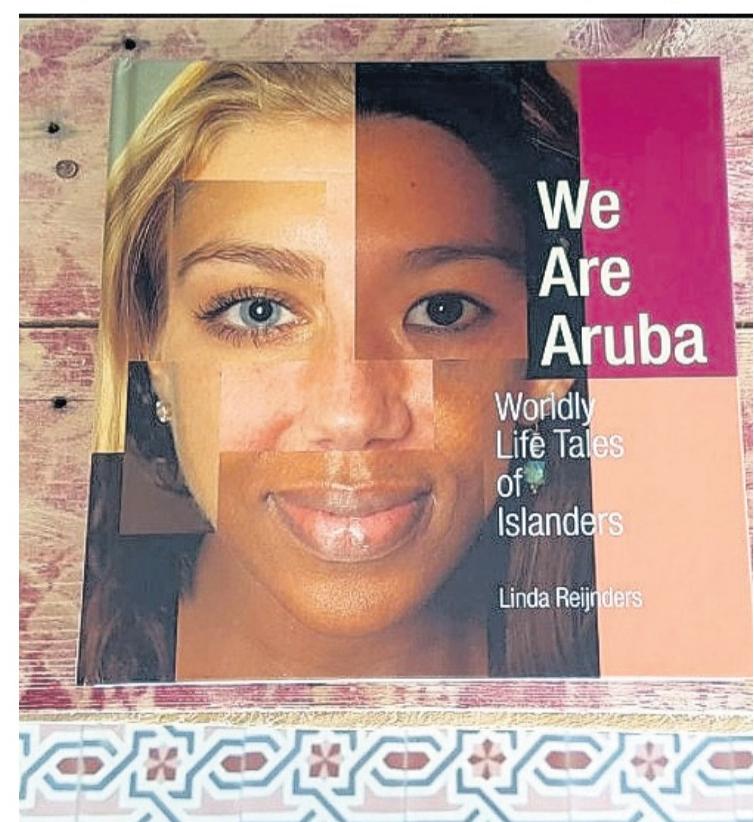
Modern Caribbean Flavors by Helmi Smeulders

This is thé book about the contemporary Caribbean kitchen with healthy recipes made with fresh and local ingredients. With recipes for Tropical Quinoa Salad with Mango & Pomegranate Seeds, Sweet Potato Salad, Goat Merguez, Watermelon Sangria or Plantain Soup, the Caribbean vibe enters your kitchen, and you feel for a bit you are back in the tropics again....

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Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 12

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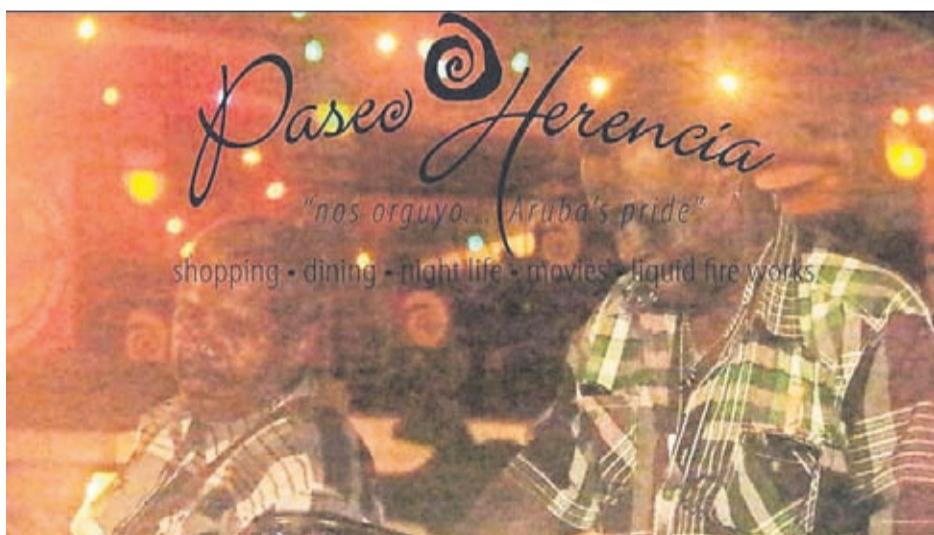
- Learn how to make works of Art out of plastic or materials that we usually throw out. Workshop given by William Michaels Guerrero from Colombia
- From 2:30 PM till 4:00PM
- Aruba National Library in Oranjestad
- Facebook Biblioteca Nacional Aruba



Thursday 13

Barefoot Beach BBQ

- A delicious BBQ made to order will be prepared for you accompanied by a build your own salad station, your choice of marinade, side dishes and a decadent dessert station.
- From 8 AM till 5 PM
- Renaissance Ocean Suites
- Facebook Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino



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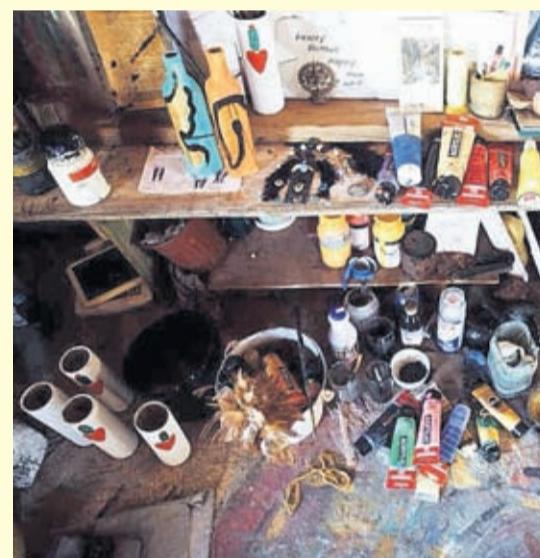
Crochet your own Blouse

- Crochet your own blouse with artisan Marva Vlaun and make a unique wear.
- From 2 PM till 3:30 PM
- Aruba Cosecha, San Nicolas
- Facebook Aruba Cosecha



Sunday 16

Create Art with Mo & Friends



- Come together and create and/or enjoy the art pieces, performances, food and a good vibe. Drumming, Poetry, Mandala creation, Classical Ballet, Clay art workshop, Nidra yoga session and much more
- From 2:30 PM till 7 PM
- Hoffi di Mo, Sero Beitanweg, San Nicolas
- Facebook Mosart Aruba

Monday 17

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- A live Pasta station or build your own Pizza station is ready to satisfy your Italian cravings...and the best part; It's All You Can Eat!
- From 6 PM
- Fresco's Restaurant, Renaissance
- Facebook Fresco



Tuesday 18

Bon Bini Festival



- The Bon Bini Festival is serving Aruba with year round folkloric event you can also enjoy different authentic Aruban plates
- From 7 PM till 8:30 PM
- Fort Zoutman, Historical Museum, Oranjestad
- Facebook Bon Bini Festival

SPORTS



Yzerman steps down as Lightning GM, BriseBois takes over

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Hockey Writer

Steve Yzerman stepped down as general manager of the Tampa Bay Lightning after building them into a perennial contender, handing the reins to long-time assistant Julien BriseBois just two days before training camp.

Yzerman will move to a senior adviser role working under BriseBois and he said he was "100 percent committed" to the Lightning this season. Beyond that, Yzerman's future is cloudy and BriseBois is now in charge. "I feel this change in role is important for me to allow me to spend more time with my family and to still make sure the Lightning is managed to the level everyone has come to expect," Yzerman said Tuesday. "We are all delighted that Julien is our next GM. He is more than ready."

It was a surprising move for a powerhouse team, one that reached the Eastern Conference final last season. The 53-year-old Yzerman spent the past eight seasons as Tampa Bay's GM, a tenure that included five playoff appearances, three trips to the conference final and an appearance in the 2015 Stanley Cup final.

He said he came to the decision in late July not to sign another contract as GM and that it took until now to iron out details on what to do next. Yzerman's family has remained in Detroit, and he commuted during his time on the job.

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SAM'S CLUB



Jets open season with 48-17 rout of Lions

New York Jets quarterback Sam Darnold (14) throws against the Detroit Lions in the first half of an NFL football game in Detroit, Monday, Sept. 10, 2018.

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Rams spoil Gruden's return with 33-13 win over Raiders

By JOSH DUBOW

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) —

Once Jared Goff and the Los Angeles Rams offense got started after sitting out the entire preseason, they couldn't be stopped.

Goff threw two touchdown passes, newcomer Marcus Peters returned an interception 50 yards for a touchdown and the Rams used a dominant second half to spoil coach Jon Gruden's much-anticipated return to the Oakland sideline by beating the Raiders 33-13 on Monday night.

"There was a little bit of feeling it out, seeing what they're going to do, seeing what their scheme is," Goff said. "I thought our defense did a great job of responding as well as our offense. I still don't think we played up to our standards in the first half. Think the second half, we came out and we did."

Goff and the rest of the offensive starters for the Rams (1-0) didn't play at all in the preseason, and many of the top defensive players also got little time on the field in the exhibition games.

That might have contributed to the shaky start. The Raiders (0-1) moved the ball relatively easily and the Rams struggled to finish drives. But Los Angeles flipped the script in the second half, outscoring Oakland 23-0 and showing why this team is considered one of the favorites in the NFC after last year's breakthrough season that ended with a division title.

"I think for us to be able to go through a little bit of adversity and have to come back from behind going into the half, that was a good test of your resolve as a football team," coach Sean McVay said. "It was certainly a good job by those guys and I thought the offense responded."

Gruden had his first game as coach of the Raiders (0-1) since the end of the 2001 season. He was traded to

Tampa Bay after that season and beat the Raiders in the Super Bowl the following year. He has been announcing for ESPN for the past nine seasons before Oakland owner Mark Davis finally lured him back to the delight of Raiders fans.

But there were only boos by the end of the night after Peters iced the game with his touchdown return on Derek Carr's third interception of the game.

"It was a tale of two halves," Gruden said. "Obviously we did not take care of the ball and that was a critical part of that football game." Peters punctuated that with a celebratory dive into the end zone reminiscent of his close friend Marshawn Lynch.

"I did the Beast Mode," Peters said. "That's what I did." Gruden's second stint started well with the Raiders taking the opening kick and driving 75 yards for a touchdown on a 10-yard run by Lynch. The Rams had Lynch stood up at the 3, but he powered his way into the end zone with help from a push by his offensive linemen. Oakland managed just six points the rest of the way against a defense fortified by the off-season additions of former All-Pros Peters, Aqib Talib and Ndamukong Suh.

Carr threw an interception in the end zone to John Johnson in the second quarter and another in the fourth when he tried to pull back a pass at the last minute only to have the ball slip out and float right to linebacker Cory Littleton. "It was one of the dumbest plays you could have," Carr said. "I knew what I should have done as soon as that play was over."

The Rams matched the early score when Todd Gurley took a flip from Goff and raced 19 yards to the end zone. They took control in the second half.

Los Angeles tied it at 13 on a field goal by Greg Zuerlein on the opening drive of the third quarter and then

took the lead for good on a 58-yard, four-play drive that featured two passes downfield to another off-season addition, Brandin Cooks, and then the 8-yard TD to Cooper Kupp.

MISSING MACK

The Raiders barely touched Goff all night just over a week after trading star pass rusher Khalil Mack to Chicago for a package that included two first-round picks. Bruce Irvin had the only sack when Goff held the ball too long and there were few other pressures. □



Los Angeles Rams running back Todd Gurley is upended with the ball by Oakland Raiders defensive back Marcus Gilchrist (31) during the second half of an NFL football game in Oakland, Calif., Monday, Sept. 10, 2018. Los Angeles won the game 33-13.

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Darnold recovers from 1st-play pick-6, helps Jets rout Lions

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Sam Darnold rolled right and made a rookie move, lobbing a football across the field that was picked off and returned for a touchdown. It might've been his only mistake all night.

Darnold made a stellar debut after throwing a pick-6 on his first NFL snap, and the New York Jets intercepted five passes and also scored on special teams in a 48-17 rout over the Detroit Lions on Monday night.

The 21-year-old Darnold became the youngest quarterback to start a season opener since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, and looked his age on the first play.

"Licking my chops a little bit too much, I think, on that play," he said.

Quandre Diggs intercepted his ill-advised pass and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown 20 seconds into the game.

"On that interception, I was pretty nervous," Darnold said. "After that, I put it behind me."



New York Jets defensive back Jamal Adams (33) celebrates his interception with teammates during the second half of an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions in Detroit, Monday, Sept. 10, 2018.

The former USC star, drafted No. 3 overall, shook off the nerves and finished 16 of 21 for 198 yards and two touchdowns. He is the first quarterback to win his first start by 31 or more points since Tom Brady in 2001, per ESPN Stats & Info.

"He didn't flinch," Jets

coach Todd Bowles said. "He didn't even blink."

Darnold helped the Jets set a franchise record for points on the road, surpassing the 47 they scored in 1967 against the Boston Patriots.

He also outplayed 30-year-old Matthew Stafford.

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Stafford threw four interceptions — one shy of his career high — and left the game briefly in the third quarter after being hit from the front and back by the swarming, hard-hitting Jets. "We wanted to make sure we came out and made a statement in this game," New York linebacker Darren Lee said.

Stafford was 27 of 46 for 286 yards and a TD pass to Golden Tate early in the third quarter to tie it at 17. He was mercifully taken out midway through the fourth quarter and replaced by Matt Cassel with Detroit down 31.

"Story of the game's turnovers, you know?" he asked. "We had too many of them, I had too many of them."

The Jets dominated in all phases.

They scored 31 straight in the third quarter to pull away, sending Detroit's fans for the exits and setting off a jolly green party in the Motor City. It was the highest-scoring third quarter in team history and trailed only the 34-point second quarter the Brett Favre-led team scored in 2008 against Arizona.

New York scored on the ground and through the air, on defense and on a punt return by former Lion Andre Roberts. The Jets could've

piled on even more in the final minutes but turned the ball over on downs after kneeling to take time off the clock. Darnold flipped the ball to a referee after the final kneel down, and the official gave it right back before shaking the rookie's hand. Darnold was still holding the ball while talking briefly with Stafford on the field.

Detroit coach Matt Patricia, meanwhile, will want to forget his debut as an NFL head coach.

"We've got to coach this a lot better than what we did," he said. "We've got to go out and execute a lot better on the field. It's a team game, and it starts with me."

New NFL head coaches dropped to 0-6 in Week 1, with Oakland's Jon Gruden the group's final hope for an opening victory in the Monday nightcap.

ROADIES

Late in the game, just before Cassel threw an interception, hundreds of New York fans chanted: "J-E-T-S! JETS! JETS!" A crew clad in green and white filed into seats in four sections along the New York sideline and appeared to outnumber Detroit fans who stuck around for the bitter end.

"That was awesome to be able to see them doing their thing," Darnold said.

STREAK STOPPED

The Jets had played an NFL record 73 games, dating to 2013, without a defensive TD before Lee returned one of his two interceptions 36 yards for a score in the third. Trumaine Johnson, Morris Claiborne and Jamal Adams also picked off passes in a strong start for the Jets self-proclaimed "New Jack City" secondary.

THREE'S COMPANY

Darnold joined Tampa Bay's Jameis Winston (2015) and Brett Favre (1991) as quarterbacks who had their first pass intercepted and returned for a score.

INJURIES

Jets: CB Johnson (head injury) and CB Buster Skrine (rib) returned to play after leaving the field with injuries. □

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Verlander wins in return to Detroit as Astros top Tigers 3-2

By The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Justin Verlander drew several big cheers and pitched seven sharp innings in his return to Comerica Park while leading the Houston Astros over the Detroit Tigers 3-2 Monday night.

Verlander struck out 10 in his first game in Detroit since being traded to Houston in August 2017. The World Series champion Astros opened a three-game lead over Oakland atop the AL West.

Verlander (15-9) made his major league debut with Detroit in 2005 and ranks among the top 10 on several of the team's career pitching lists.

The 35-year-old righty received a long standing ovation after a video tribute was played as he walked in from the bullpen, and another when he came out to warm up for the first inning. Both times, he tipped his cap and waved to the crowd.

Verlander allowed two runs on six hits and one walk, improving to 98-50 at Comerica Park. Max Scherzer is second in career wins at the stadium with 46, while Jordan Zimmermann leads current Tigers with 14.

The Tigers put two runners

on in the seventh, but Verlander struck out JaCoby Jones and Jeimer Candelario to escape with a 3-2 lead. He received a third standing ovation after the inning, having thrown 104 pitches.

Roberto Osuna worked the ninth for his 16th save, including seven with Houston.

Francisco Liriano (4-10) allowed three unearned runs in six innings.

RAYS 6, INDIANS 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Ji-Man Choi hit a two-run homer off Brad Hand with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, and Tampa Bay beat Cleveland to set a team record with its 12th straight victory at home.

Cleveland ace Corey Kluber was chased in the second inning, but the Indians rallied before blowing a late lead. They started play with a magic number of five to clinch their third consecutive AL Central championship. Second-place Minnesota was at home against the New York Yankees.

Tommy Pham singled before Choi went deep against Hand (0-1).

Kluber lasted just 1 2/3 innings — matching his sea-

son low — and gave up four runs and five hits. The right-hander and Tampa Bay's Blake Snell are tied for the most wins in the majors with 18.

Jake Bauers homered for the Rays, who moved with 7½ games of Oakland for the second AL wild card with 19 games left.

Jamie Schultz (2-0) worked a scoreless ninth to get the win.

Cleveland reliever Andrew Miller, reinstated from the disabled list after being out since Aug. 27 with a left shoulder injury, struck out two during a perfect sixth inning.

YANKEES 7, TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Gary Sanchez had three hits, including a mammoth home run, J.A. Happ tossed six shutout innings and New York extended its mastery of Minnesota.

The Yankees increased their lead over idle Oakland to three games for the first AL wild card.

New York has beaten Minnesota nine straight times, including last year's wild-card game, outscoring the Twins 66-23. The Yankees are 20-4 in the last 24 meetings since July 25, 2015.

Happ (16-6) allowed six hits. Acquired from Toronto on



Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander (35) pitches against the Detroit Tigers during the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, in Detroit.

Associated Press

July 26, the left-hander is 6-0 with a 2.70 ERA in eight starts for New York.

Kyle Gibson (7-13) allowed one earned run in 5 2/3 innings. He was one batter from throwing six shutout innings before Sanchez sent a 460-foot homer into the third deck in left field.

Before that, Sanchez was 3 for 29 since coming off the disabled list Sept. 1.

New York's first eight batters reached base in a six-run seventh. Miguel Andujar had a two-run double.

RANGERS 5, ANGELS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Ronald Guzman homered, Joey Gallo drove in three runs and Mike Minor threw six solid innings to help Texas end a four-game losing streak with a win over Los Angeles. □

YZERMAN

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"We felt it was important to let everyone know what we were doing, end any potential speculation," Yzerman said. "We have a plan here. We come up with a plan, we like our plan, let's put it in place."

The plan is the 41-year-old BriseBois who had been an assistant to Yzerman since they joined the Lightning in 2010. For a number of years, he has been considered a future NHL general manager, and owner Jeff Vinik said the Lightning were lucky BriseBois wasn't hired by someone else.

Instead, BriseBois takes over a team that should contend for years to come. "It will be business as usual

for the Tampa Bay Lightning," BriseBois said. "The mission is going to be the same. That mission is to win the Stanley Cup."

Tampa Bay is again one of the Cup favorites based on Yzerman's stellar record of drafting, developing and acquiring players. He promoted Jon Cooper to head coach in 2013, re-signed captain Steven Stamkos and locked up defenseman Victor Hedman to a long-term deal in 2016. He also traded for J.T. Miller and Ryan McDonagh at last year's trade deadline and got Nikita Kucherov signed to an extension this summer.

Yzerman, a Hall of Fame center with the Detroit Red Wings who won the Cup

three times as a player, went into management immediately after retiring. He began his front-office career as vice president of hockey operations under GM Ken Holland in Detroit and was part of a Cup winner in 2008 before getting the head job with the Lightning. Holland signed a two-year contract extension at the end of last season to stay on as Red Wings GM. Tampa Bay came two victories away from the second title in franchise history three years ago. Yzerman has also won Olympic gold medals in 2010 and 2014 as Canada's GM.

Yzerman went to Tampa Bay with a five-year plan to win a Cup. He leaves disappointed that didn't



Steve Yzerman, left, speaks alongside Julien BriseBois during an NHL hockey news conference, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, in Tampa, Fla., where Yzerman announced that he is stepping down as general manager of the Tampa Bay Lightning.

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happen and hopeful it will under BriseBois.

"We got to Game 6 of the finals and we've gotten to

three Game 7s of the conference finals," he said. "So hopefully it's this year. If not this year, beyond." □

Brewers trim Cubs' NL Central lead to 1 with 3-2 win

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Lorenzo Cain had four hits, Mike Moustakas scored on Carl Edwards Jr.'s wild pitch in the sixth inning and Milwaukee edged Chicago to pull within one game of the NL Central leaders.

Orlando Arcia and Jonathan Schoop each drove in a run as Milwaukee (83-62) won for the seventh time in eight games. It's the closest the Brewers have been to the division lead since they trailed the Cubs by a game on Aug. 5.

Wade Miley (4-2) pitched five effective innings before Corbin Burnes, Josh Hader and Jeremy Jeffress closed it out for wild card-leading Milwaukee. Hader struck out six straight batters and Jeffress got three outs for his 11th save.

Back home after a soggy weekend in Washington, Chicago (83-60) lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Jon Lester (15-6) exited in the sixth with lower back tightness. He allowed eight hits in his first loss since Aug. 11.

ROCKIES 13, DIAMOND-BACKS 2

DENVER (AP) — Trevor Story hit a three-run homer during a six-run fifth inning, German Marquez struck out 11 over seven masterful innings and Colorado routed Arizona to increase its lead in the NL West.

The Rockies moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the Los Angeles Dodgers, who lost at Cincinnati. The Diamondbacks now trail by 3 1/2 games. This is the lat-

est the Rockies have been alone atop the division since 1995.

David Dahl put the game out of reach with his first career grand slam in a seven-run seventh. Arizona has allowed 10 or more runs four times this season — three of those to Colorado.

Story provided the big blow with his 32nd homer on a fastball from Silvino Bracho after the reliever took over from starter Zack Godley (14-9).

Marquez (12-9) had his third straight double-digit strikeout performance. Charlie Blackmon, Tony Wolters and DJ LeMahieu each had three hits for Colorado, which bounced back after dropping two of three to the Dodgers last weekend.

REDS 10, DODGERS 6

CINCINNATI (AP) — Scooter Gennett had four hits and three RBIs, Joey Votto hit a two-run double on his 35th birthday and Cincinnati improved to 5-0 against Los Angeles this season.

Eugenio Suarez homered for the last-place Reds, and Jose Peraza scored three runs. That helped Cincinnati overcome Chris Taylor's two-run homer and Yasiel Puig's solo shot. The Dodgers dropped 1 1/2 games behind first-place Colorado in the NL West when the Rockies routed Arizona.

Jared Hughes (4-3) got Puig to line into a bases-loaded double play to end the seventh after an 11-pitch at-bat and added a perfect eighth to get the win.



Milwaukee Brewers' Mike Moustakas comes in to score on a wild pitch by Chicago Cubs' Carl Edwards Jr., right, during the sixth inning of a baseball game Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, in Chicago.

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Gennett went 4 for 5 to boost his batting average to .320 with his sixth multihit game in his last nine appearances.

Alex Wood (8-7) was knocked around for seven runs, six earned, and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings.

CARDINALS 8, PIRATES 7

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Matt Adams hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to rally St. Louis past Pittsburgh.

The Cardinals, who overcame deficits of 4-0 and 6-4, moved two games ahead of the Dodgers in the race for the second NL wild card.

Josh Harrison, Colin Moran and Starling Marte homered for the Pirates, who had their five-game winning streak snapped.

Adams homered off Edgar Santana (2-3) to erase a 6-4 deficit. John Brebbia (2-3) picked up the win.

Carlos Martinez, a former starter, earned his third save in three chances. He gave up a run-scoring double to Josh Bell with two outs but got Francisco Cervelli to ground out to deep shortstop to end the game. The play was reviewed, but Cervelli was ruled out.

St. Louis right-hander Adam Wainwright, making his first start since May 13, gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings. He retired the last eight batters after giving up three runs in the third.

BRAVES 4, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Sean Newcomb pitched six

strong innings, Ozzie Albies sparked the offense with two extra-base hits and Atlanta defeated San Francisco.

The Braves moved five games ahead of Philadelphia atop the NL East with their fourth win in five games.

The Giants lost their ninth straight, matching their worst skid since 2006.

Newcomb (12-8) allowed a run and three hits. He struck out eight and walked none. A.J. Minter earned his 14th save.

Albies was 2 for 4 with a double, an RBI triple and two runs. Kurt Suzuki went 3 for 3.

Derek Rodriguez (6-3) gave up two runs, one earned, in 6 1/3 innings. □

U.S. Open final chair ump Ramos to work U.S.-Croatia Davis Cup

By HOWARD FENDRICH

The chair umpire who penalized Serena Williams a game in the U.S. Open final has been assigned to officiate the Davis Cup semifinal matches between the United States and Croatia, The Associated Press has learned.

International Tennis Federation spokeswoman Heather Bowles confirmed to the AP on Tuesday that Carlos Ramos was chosen to work at the best-of-five

series between the countries that begins Friday and concludes Sunday in Zadar, Croatia.

The U.S. team includes Jack Sock, Sam Querrey, Steve Johnson, Mike Bryan and rookie Frances Tiafoe.

Ramos was in the chair at Flushing Meadows last Saturday when Naomi Osaka won her first Grand Slam title by beating 23-time major champion Williams 6-2, 6-4. That match descended into chaos — with

thousands of spectators booing and both players crying during the trophy ceremony — after Williams confronted Ramos about his rulings.

Williams, a 36-year-old American, was fined a total of \$17,000 by the U.S. Open's tournament referee the next day for three code violations.

On Monday, the ITF, which oversees the Davis Cup, issued a statement defending Ramos, saying his "decisions were in accordance with the relevant rules" and that his rulings were "reaffirmed by the U.S. Open's decision to fine Serena Williams for the three offenses."

"Ramos undertook his duties as an official according to the relevant rule book and acted at all times with professionalism and integrity," the ITF statement added. The governing body's support for Ramos came after the WTA, which operates the women's tour, was critical of the way things went between him and Williams in New York. "The WTA believes that there should be no difference in the standards of tolerance provided to the emotions expressed by men vs. women and is committed to working with the sport to ensure that all players are treated the same," the tour's CEO, Steve Simon, said in a statement. "We do not believe that this was done last night." □

Dennis wins Vuelta time trial, Yates adds to overall lead

TORRELAVEGA, Spain (AP)

— Rohan Dennis won his second time trial at the Spanish Vuelta on Tuesday, while Simon Yates added a few more seconds to his lead over Alejandro Valverde.

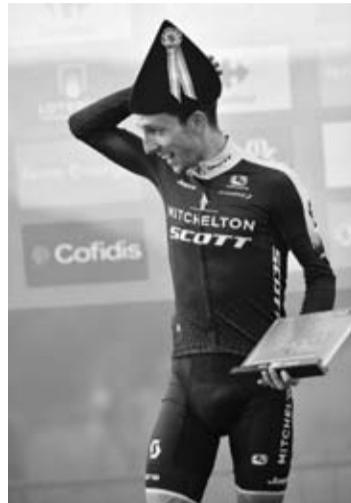
Dennis dominated the 32-kilometer (19.8-mile) stage with a time of 37 minutes, 57 seconds, nearly a minute faster than his closest competitors, Joseph Rosskopf and Jonathan Castroviejo.

"I tried to control the start and the finish and push in the middle section and in the end it worked out perfectly," Dennis said. "I knew I was on a good ride just looking at my power."

Steven Kruijswijk was fourth-fastest and gained the most in the general classification by moving to third overall, 52 seconds behind Yates. Nairo Quintana dropped to fourth and was more than a minute behind the pace.

"I'm happy with my performance. I extended my lead so as far as I'm concerned it was a very good ride," Yates said. "But we have a long way to go. I'm wary of the coming stages...It's still a long road to Madrid. I'm expecting some hard days. Our rivals are still very close."

Valverde lost seven seconds to Yates ahead of Wednesday's 157-kilometer (97.5-mile) 17th stage from Getxo to Balcon de Bizkaia in Basque country, where a



Mitchelton-Scott's Team Simon Yates of Great Britain holds a typical Asturian beret known as "Montera Picona" after winning the stage during the 14th stage between Cistierna and Les Praeres Nava, 171 kilometers (106.25 miles), of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race that finishes in Les Praeres Nava, northern Spain, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018.

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tough climb will await riders.

"The upcoming stages also suit Yates," Valverde said. "We'll go day by day, let's see what comes out of it. I'm 38 years old now."

Dennis, of the BMC Racing Team, was the only rider to maintain an average speed of more than 50 kilometers per hour (31 miles) on the lumpy route from Santillana del Mar to Torrelavega in northern Spain. The Australian had already won the time trial in the Vuelta's first stage on Aug. 25. Enric Mas also had a solid run on Tuesday, moving to fifth overall. □



In this March 1, 2018, file photo, Miami Heat forward Udonis Haslem chats before the start of an NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers, in Miami.

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AP Interview: Haslem reveals why he chose to return to Heat

By TIM REYNOLDS

MIAMI (AP) — Udonis Haslem arrived at the Miami Heat facility for a workout one day last week, and was told he needed to sign a waiver before he took the court.

The reason: Technically, he wasn't on the team.

"That was a little weird, having to do that," Haslem said. It won't be a problem for the next year. Haslem officially signed his one-year,

\$2.4 million contract with the Heat on Monday, a deal that was struck last week and finally became official when he put pen to paper. Haslem will enter his 16th NBA season, all with the Heat, and that means the Miami native will be with his hometown franchise for more than half of its 31-year history.

"For the hometown kid in me, that means the world," Haslem said. "I wish I understood how big that is right now, because I really don't, but I know it's big."

Haslem was the seventh-oldest player in the NBA last season — and will rise at least one spot on that list this season, with the retirement of San Anto-

nio's Manu Ginobili. Vince Carter is 41 and will play for Atlanta, Dirk Nowitzki is 40 and back with Dallas, and Haslem is 38.

"It's great to have our captain back," Heat President Pat Riley said.

The others who played last season and are older than Haslem are Jason Terry, Damien Wilkins and Jamal Crawford. They all remain unsigned for the coming season.

So, too, does Dwyane Wade. He and Haslem are the only two players who were part of all three Heat championship teams. Haslem said he's busily recruiting his business partner — the pair shares several off-court interests, including a pizza chain — to come back as well.

"My mindset has always been for us to finish it together," Haslem said. "I want us to do a whole season together. Experience the road, dinner on the road, go through that whole process. I want us to experience that together."

Wade tweeted his congratulations to Haslem when the deal was signed. "You are (the) most selfless person I've ever met," Wade said in his tweet.

Haslem appeared in only 14 games last season, and hasn't had much of a role with the Heat in the last three seasons. Haslem believes he can still play — he has kept himself in tremendous condition — but knows that he probably won't have a big on-court presence again.

Still, a meeting with Heat coach Erik Spoelstra last week helped seal the deal to return. "Me and Spo were honest with each other," Haslem said. "Honesty is not always telling somebody what they want to hear. And we both have gotten to that point in our careers where we value each other's opinions, whether we want to hear them or not. We trust each other. We root for each other. We both have the best interests of this team in mind."

But even if he doesn't get much in the way of minutes, Haslem knows he's valued. Spoelstra raves about the way he interacts and mentors teammates, and Haslem said that was a huge part of his decision as well. □

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Matter comes in three states: solid, liquid and gas. Stop and think about glass and bones. Are they solid, liquid or gas? Which did you pick? If you choose solid for both, you are technically incorrect. We hear the objections screaming in your brains. Hold on; expand your reality of what you perceive.

Glass is technically a liquid much like water. So why does glass not behave like water? The answer is in the temperature. At ten below zero water flows nowhere; at a thousand degrees glass flows easily. Believe it or not, even at ambient temperatures, glass, pulled by the forces of gravity, flows ever so slowly down. There are old castles whose glass panes have flowed down so the bottom of the pane is much thicker than the paper thin top. Glass, you see, is a liquid that is solid or "frozen" at ambient temperatures.

What about breaking glass? Glass at ambient temperature, if forced too much will shatter into sharp pieces. Automobile "safety" glass is two panes of glass melted together with an inner core of plastic to make it more flexible, or shatter-proof. Automobile glass takes more force before breaking into dull pieces.

Bones are more fluid than solid. Ask any orthodontist who uses braces to rearrange and straighten teeth. With time and constant pressure, teeth imbedded in solid bone jaws will slowly flow into a new space. Most of our calcium is found in bones and teeth. People require calcium daily. When there is a deficiency of calcium in the body, these nutrients are "borrowed" from our bones and teeth.

Our skeleton, which serves as our structural support, is actually constantly changing, maximiz-

ing strength and minimizing its mass to meet our physiological needs. Osteoporosis is a condition characterized by a loss of calcium and other minerals from the bones, making them more porous and brittle. Porous and brittle bones are more susceptible to break and fracture. People, aware that osteoporosis has become a big problem in developing countries, supplement with calcium and vitamin D for prevention. Most physicians assume that the way to treat osteoporosis is to prescribe calcium. Years ago I predicted this assumption would come back to haunt the medical profession. The negative consequences of calcium supplementation are finally being realized and medical researchers now know that their assumptions have made bone problems worse.

Calcium supplements can raise heart risks in postmenopausal women. In the United States a prescription medication that has calcium and vitamin D that has been used by nearly 10 million people to help prevent or treat bone loss or osteoporosis, has been linked to 2,400 incidents of jaw bone decay or Osteonecrosis of the jaw. Additional people taking these drugs have claimed to have such debilitating pain that they have become bedridden or in need of walkers, crutches or wheelchairs.

Understanding this over simplification of bone density and calcium, I have developed a treatment approach in our clinic, using my biocompatible medical protocol. The first thing is to slow down the loss of calcium. Medicines that stimulate the thyroid and adrenal glands, as well as prolonged use of cortisone greatly affect calcium status. Steroids and artificial hormones, besides increasing your risk for some cancers, do not treat your bones well. Additionally, there are drugs that interfere with calcium absorption. Drugs used to decrease seizures and many stomach medicines prevent calcium absorption.

Operations to stomach or intestines; removal of gallbladders; kidney disease; diabetes; and alcoholism all contribute to poor calcium absorption. Perhaps the biggest enemy to bone loss is cigarette smoking. These problems need to be corrected to stop mineral loss from your bones. The second part of our protocol is to encourage the bones to become more flexible. Why do baby bones not break? They are not strong but they are flexible. Remember brittle glass shatters? Similarly, brittle bones shatter. Too much calcium in the bones makes them hard

and brittle. The current test for osteoporosis, a bone-scan gives us your bone density. Bone density does not show flexibility. Thick, dense, but brittle bones will shatter and break easily. We begin by replacing not just calcium, but all the minerals needed by your bones. There are two ways to accomplish this. The first is to feed your body the minerals. Magnesium helps maintain normal muscle and nerve function, keeps heart rhythm steady, supports a healthy immune system, and keeps bones strong. Nutritionists know that, magnesium regulates calcium transportation in the body. New studies show that magnesium therapy appears to prevent fractures and results in a significant increase in bone density in menopausal women. One of our ways to feed your bones is BONE SOUP: Use beef, chicken, turkey or fish, all animal bones are full of collagen important for strong healthy bones. Fill a large pot half way with any kind of bones, include a little meat. (Do NOT use Pork. Pork is NOT on any healthy diet!) Fill the other half with vegetables, especially a lot of parsley. Do NOT use potatoes, tomatoes or eggplant. Add 2 teaspoons of vinegar or half a cup of wine. Fill with water and boil vigorously for 3 hours. Keep only the broth. Add a package of un-flavored gelatin. Drink at least a cup a day alone or use a stock to cook with or add fresh vegetables to make soup.

Avoid acid forming foods; these cause your body to pull calcium out of your bones. Sugars, simple carbohydrates and processed foods are acid forming. Exercise in moderation is good for you. Excessive exercise can remove calcium from your bones. For joggers, running shoes are recommended to protect you from shin splints and knee problems. However, bones need to be stressed to be strong. Wearing shoes that absorb ALL stress is not good. Impact stimulates the flow of minerals for your bones.

Another thing you can do to force your bones to become stronger is grow muscles. Muscles control bone production better than calcium supplementation. When muscles become bigger and stronger through exercise, the attached bone grows to support the musculature.

Get the point! Your bones are alive. Drinking milk for your bone health is a myth that has no medical basis. Your skeleton is your body's support; our clinic is your health support. Do you want to protect your bones from osteoporosis? Come in so we can teach you how to take care and feed your bones naturally.

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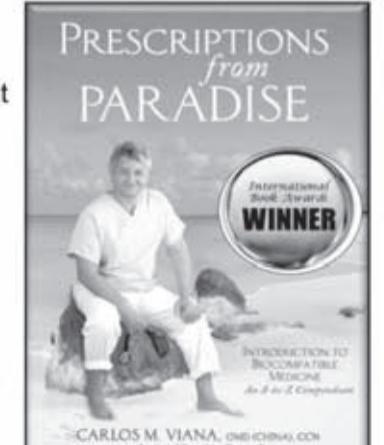
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'Broken' economics for preschool workers, child care sector

By SALLY HO

SEATTLE (AP) — A dire child care workforce crisis amid a booming U.S. economy is compelling many industry players to turn to business tactics more closely resembling Wall Street than "Sesame Street" — including noncompete clauses for child care workers and client families, college tuition incentives for the workers and non-refundable wait list fees for desperate parents seeking day care slots. Underlying the phenomenon is a shrinking pool of child care workers with employers still offering low pay while demand for high-quality child care programs skyrockets, particularly in expensive urban areas like Seattle, with a rise in children needing care and a decline in providers.

Child care workers in the U.S. make less than parking lot attendants and dog-walkers, said Marcy Whitebook, co-director of the University of California, Berkeley's Center for the Study of Child Care Employment.

"If you can't get workers to do the job, then it's hard to expand the supply. And when the economy is good, that's when you need to expand the supply," Whitebook said. "The economics of early childhood in the United States are quite broken."

In Seattle, the fastest growing U.S. big city, the population and household incomes have skyrocketed because of the technology boom — creating a child care hole with costs reaching about \$2,000 monthly per child.

The advocacy group Child Care Aware reports that in 2017, there were 132,000 more children up to age 6 in Washington state who could use formal child care arrangements, compared to the number of available child care slots. Nationally, Whitebook said two-thirds of all children in that age range have parents who are both working.

Some child care centers are so popular in Seattle, New York and San Francisco that parents pay to get



In this photo taken Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, teacher Fatuma Yusuf interacts with children on the playground at the Wallingford Child Care Center in Seattle.

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on waiting lists while still trying to conceive.

That meant Rachel Lipsky and her husband were already at a disadvantage when they started looking for child care while she was pregnant in 2012.

She thinks the system is troubled but doesn't blame the workers, saying "they work two times harder than I do. Who am I to quibble?"

Lipsky, a 38-year-old government agency project manager, paid the waitlist fees before her child was out of the womb, didn't get her daughter into her first choice care centers but eventually secured a spot for the girl and another child born later. She said the road to finding care for her children, now 5 and 3, was daunting, emotional, time-consuming and pricey.

Licensed providers caring for children from infancy through 5 years old say they have tried for years to professionalize what is largely a decentralized array of small businesses. But the industry as a whole has always stumbled with high labor turnover as the jobs offer low pay and high stress. Experts say care for young children is expensive because it requires intensive labor, but families can only afford to pay so much. Aubrey Zoli, 38, said she loves working with 4- and 5-year-olds at the popular Wallingford Child Care

Center in Seattle but struggles with the \$16.90 hourly pay, especially with a bachelor's degree.

"I love the job but I can't afford to live it. A lot of our teachers have second incomes from second projects because it's impossible to live on these wages in Seattle," said Zoli, who also does work as a musician and event-planner.

Her boss, Jenny Cimbalnik, concedes that the non-profit Wallingford center can't afford higher wages because it already puts 80 to 90 percent of revenue into staffing costs.

The median annual pay for child care workers — including those in formal facilities and home-based centers, as well as private nannies — increased by 13 percent between 2014 and 2017, to \$22,290, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. During the same period, the pool of U.S. child care workers dropped to 562,420 work-

ers, down 21,000 people, or 3.5 percent of the workforce.

Laws regulate how many children child care centers can take and busy centers say it's not unusual for parents to try to bribe center officials with money or gifts for child care slots or offers to pay extra tuition. Some parents sob while pleading for the slots — a practice child care centers call "cold-crying."

Experts say public policy and demographics have exacerbated demand. Dual-income households headed by millennials are more often concentrated in urban centers. Parents also increasingly favor high-quality early education programs with trained teachers and academic philosophies instead of the mere babysitting functionalities of yesterday's "nursery" day care systems.

The shift comes as a growing body of brain development research shows

children who attend good preschools are better off as adults, with higher incomes and healthier lifestyles. That has contributed to political momentum for government-subsidized pre-Kindergarten programs, which has also affected child care centers.

Business operations suffered at the Wallingford center when the city launched a pre-K program in 2014, Cimbalnik said. Toddlers that cost less to care for left for free preschool, creating an imbalanced demand among higher-cost infants. Wallingford was also stretched financially when the city's \$15 hourly minimum wage law took effect in 2015.

Amid the challenges, Bright Horizons Children's Centers, one of the country's largest publicly traded, for-profit child care businesses, recently announced a new college tuition incentive program for its employees. CEO Stephen Kramer said the company's turnover rate is well below the 50 percent industry average, but he wanted to boost the numbers of career-minded early education professionals. Some child care centers now use noncompete-like and "hold harmless" policies to combat family "poaching" of child care workers to become their personal nannies and to address other outside work arrangements by child care workers. □



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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Money
- 5 Sassy child
- 9 Slender
- 13 Stomach ailment
- 15 "Window", James Stewart classic
- 16 Flagstaff
- 17 Binge
- 18 Ready for use
- 20 Fraternity letter
- 21 Hang limply
- 23 Woods
- 24 Burial sites
- 26 Spanish article
- 27 Contemptuous writing
- 29 Tendons
- 32 Grown-up
- 33 Tarkenton & Drescher
- 35 Chicken's mother
- 37 Cooper or Sinise
- 38 "Nothing"; firm refusal
- 39 Monetary penalty
- 40 Years lived
- 41 Mark one's cattle
- 42 Steed
- 43 Respect highly
- 45 Dirty
- 46 been; one no longer popular
- 47 Once every 24 hours
- 48 Deadly vipers
- 51 FedEx competitor
- 52 High chair accessory
- 55 Victoria's Secret purchase
- 58 Once and again
- 60 Opposite of a boon
- 61 Hammerer's target
- 62 Tear to bits
- 63 Edibles with fragile shells
- 64 Black Jack & Juicy Fruit
- 65 Chances

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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In this Oct. 3, 2011, file photo, dogs are kept in a cage of a wholesale supplier of live dogs, one of the biggest in town, in Hanoi, Vietnam.

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Vietnam's capital urges residents to stop eating dog meat

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HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Authorities in Vietnam's capital are urging residents to stop eating dog meat because it hurts the city's image and improper raising and slaughtering of the animals could spread rabies.

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Pope Francis delivers a blessing as he recites the Angelus noon prayer from his studio's window overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

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Holy stardust: Vatican hosts conference for meteorite care

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican has long pondered the cosmos from afar but now it's studying how to care for space bits that fall to Earth with a conference on meteorites, cosmic dust, stardust and extraterrestrial samples. The Vatican Observatory is hosting the first-ever workshop for curators of meteorite collections Sept. 10-13 at its headquarters at the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome. Organizers said Monday the conference will bring together meteorite and extraterrestrial sample curators from Europe, North America, Russia, Morocco and Japan to discuss best practices in caring for their collections.

The Vatican Observatory was founded in 1891 to help correct the notion that the Catholic Church was hostile to science. The perception has persisted in some circles since Galileo's heresy trial 400 years ago. □

Lava flow seen on restless Alaska volcano

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A lava flow has been spotted on an Alaska volcano that recently became active again. Alaska Volcano Observatory scientists say witnesses aboard the state ferry Tustumena saw the lava flow and fountaining on Mount Veniaminof (VEN'-ee-ah-mean-off) Monday morning. Scientists say satellite images obtained Sunday shows the lava flow is about one-half-mile long on the 8,225-foot (2,500-meter) volcano, one of Alaska's most active. The observatory last week increased the threat level of Veniaminof from yellow to orange. That color designation indicates sudden explosions could send ash above 20,000 feet (6,100 meters) and threaten international airplanes. □



In this Oct. 11, 2017 file photo, a Southern right whale glides in the waters off El Doradillo Beach, Patagonia, Argentina, during the annual whale migration from Antarctica to Argentina's Patagonia to give birth and feed their offspring.

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Japan proposes end to commercial whaling ban, faces pushback

By SARAH DiLORENZO
Associated Press

FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazil (AP) — Japan proposed an end to a decades-old ban on commercial whaling at an international conference Monday, arguing there is no longer a scientific reason for what was supposed to be a temporary measure. But the proposal faces stiff opposition from countries that argue that many whale populations are still vulnerable or, even more broadly, that the killing of whales is increasingly seen as unacceptable. Japan currently kills whales under a provision that allows hunting for research purposes. "Science is clear: there are certain species of whales whose population is healthy enough to be harvested sustainably," reads the Japanese proposal, presented Monday at the biannual International Whaling Commission meetings taking place this week in Florianopolis, Brazil. "Japan proposes to establish a Committee dedicated to sustainable whaling (including commercial whaling and aboriginal subsistence whaling)."

Japan's proposal would also change how the international body operates, reflecting its frustration with an organization that it says has become "intolerant" and a "mere forum for confrontation."

It says it hopes that new rules — including allowing measures to be adopted by simple, rather than super, majority — would break longstanding deadlocks and allow the countries who prize conservation and those who push for sustainable use of whales to "coexist."

While Japan argues that whale stocks have recovered sufficiently to allow for commercial hunting, conservationists contend whaling on the high seas has proven difficult to manage.

"Time and again, species after species has been driven to near extinction," said Patrick Ramage, director of marine conserva-

tion at the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

If the ban on commercial whaling were to be lifted, it would then be up to the commission to set catch limits.

It's not clear when the vote will happen; the meeting lasts until Friday. It's also possible that the Japanese could pull back the proposal — or attempt to negotiate the inclusion of parts of it in other proposals.

Japan has hunted whales for centuries as a traditionally cheaper alternative source of protein. Its catch has fallen in recent years in part due to declining domestic demand for whale meat and challenges to its hunt.

Its quota is now 333, about a third the number it used to kill before the International Court of Justice ruled in 2014 that its program wasn't scientific in nature. It revised the program and resumed the hunt in 2016.

Some, however, contend the research program remains a cover for commercial whaling because the whale meat is sold for food.

The attempt to reintroduce commercial whaling could be even more contentious. Brazil has submitted a proposal that says such whaling "is no longer a necessary economic activity, has systematically reduced whale populations to dangerously low levels." The United States agrees that the ban is necessary for conservation.

"The Australian people have clearly made a decision that they don't believe that whaling is something that we should be undertaking in the 21st century," said Anne Ruston, Australia's assistant minister for international development and the Pacific, on the sidelines of Monday's meetings. "The argument that we put forward from Australia is that we don't want to see any whales killed, whether they're killed because (of) commercial whaling or whether it's so-called scientific whaling." □

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Women celebrate size inclusivity at alternative fashion week

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — To whoots and cheers from the crowd, women with bodies not often seen on fashion runways strutted with smiles on their faces wearing pieces from Loft's new plus line, including five cast from hundreds who attended an alternative New York Fashion Week event, The Curvy Con.

Size inclusivity was on the minds of these women, about 1,000 from around the world who flocked to the three-day celebration at a Midtown venue decked out with a pop-up shop and booths filled with fashion and beauty products. It was the fourth annual Curvy Con, the second to coincide with fashion week.

The gathering, with panel discussions, fitness sessions and workshops on style, was co-founded by style influencers Chastity Garner Valentine and CeCe Olisa. "We saw a need for plus size fashion and inclusivity to be aligned with mainstream fashion," Olisa said after the Loft show Friday. "The lack of plus size fashion options doesn't make us angry but it is a very clear call



The Loft spring 2019 collection is modeled during Fashion Week Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, in New York.
Associated Press

to action for the work that we do. We wanted to show that there's an appetite for plus size fashion. There are women who are ready and willing to shop and buy at all levels, from super cheap all the way up to designer." This year's guest speakers included tennis pro Venus Williams, who has her own activewear line, EleVen by Venus Williams, designer Tracy Reese, who sits on the board of the Council of Fashion Designers of Ameri-

ca, and Lizzo, a singer, rapper and body positive advocate.

"I'm so excited that it's starting to catch fire," Reese said of more options these days in larger sizes. "I believe in making everyone feel beautiful."

Her company first started showing larger sizes in 2016. She and other advocates acknowledged there's a long way to go, however, in terms of equal pricing and equal style above size

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"The average American woman is larger than the sizes that are carried in department stores by and large. It's so ridiculous. The missed opportunity is just bad business. There's a complete disconnect there," Reese said. At 6-1, wearing sizes 8 to 10, Williams doesn't see inclusivity through a lens of sizing so much as the idea of "meeting a need" that runs deep among all women.

Her namesake line has embraced larger sizes.

"I spent a whole life moving my body," Williams said. "Life is about doing something positive with your body. That itself is where you get your self-esteem. ... It's about what you do for yourself. That's where you get your confidence."

Reese sees the size movement momentum as demanding basic "rights" for larger women. The movement owes a debt to social media bloggers and other influencers like the Curvy-Con founders, along with designers and brands who have come around, she said. Count Loft in the latter category.

The company launched plus sizing (up to 26) back in February online with styles and pricepoints identical to its smaller sizes. The rollout to brick-and-mortar stores began Sept. 4 in 50 locations around the country. More will follow.

"We heard it from our customers," said Laura Jacobs, chief marketing officer for Loft. "We didn't change the line. We didn't change the aesthetic. In February when we launched, we sold out some pieces in two weeks." □

Stand Up To Cancer raises best-ever \$123 million in pledges

By LYNN ELBER

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stand Up To Cancer says its sixth celebrity-filled telethon was its most successful yet.

The organization said Sunday that the fundraiser received more than \$123 million in pledges from the U.S. and Canada.

Matt Damon, Tracee Ellis Ross, Jon Hamm and Winoona Ryder were among the stars participating in Friday's telecast. Musical performers included Stevie Wonder, Little Big Town and Charlie Wilson, a cancer survivor.

Wonder paid tribute to Aretha Franklin, who died last month of pancreatic cancer, with a medley including "What the World

Needs Now is Love" and "Love's in Need of Love Today."

Bradley Cooper, whose father died of lung cancer, was co-executive producer of the telethon, which was carried commercial-free by major broadcast networks and cable channels in the U.S. and Canada and on streaming platforms.

Cooper said Stand Up To Cancer scientists are giving patients new hope they can become long-term survivors.

The telecast included three patients who have benefited from research funded by the group, including a former Marine Corps pilot with melanoma that spread to his brain and a



In this May 6, 2017, file photo, Stevie Wonder performs at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans.
Associated Press

retired school teacher with pancreatic cancer.

Stand Up To Cancer, a division of the philanthropic Entertainment Industry Foundation, was established in

ments, it's funded research that has contributed to federal approval of five new cancer treatments, including for breast, ovarian, pancreatic and some difficult-to-treat leukemias, the group said.

Before the telecast, Stand Up To Cancer said Thursday said it has raised more than \$480 million to fund innovative research. Others who took part in the event included organization co-founder Katie Couric, Mahershala Ali, Keith Urban, Josh Brodin, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Ken Jeong, Matthew McConaughey, John Oliver, Marlon Wayans and Keanu Reeves. A replay of the show is available online at <https://standuptocancer.org/su2c-show>. □

'The Hate U Give' puts Black Lives Matter on the screen

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — The short story that begat Angie Thomas' breakthrough young adult novel "The Hate U Give" was inspired by the shooting of Oscar Grant III, the Oakland, Calif., African-American 22-year-old who was shot by a white transit police officer in 2009.

In the years that followed, more shootings followed and Thomas kept on writing. Now, a year and a half after "The Hate U Give" became a best-selling phenomenon, Thomas' book has been adapted to the big screen by director George Tillman Jr. from a screenplay by Audrey Wells with just as much honesty and urgency as were in Thomas' first pages. And the tale's timeliness has painfully persisted.

"This film will empower a lot of people and give them hope," said Thomas in an interview shortly after the film's Toronto International Film Festival premiere. "It's going to explain some things to people who don't



Actress Amandla Stenberg poses for photographs on the red carpet after arriving for the new movie "The Hate U Give" during 2018 Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.

get it. I think it's going to open a lot of eyes and change a lot of perspectives, and hopefully help people understand why we say 'black lives matter' so that eventually we won't have to say it. It'll be understood."

In a wave of films, includ-

ing a number at the Toronto Film Festival, the kinds of police brutality-inflicted tragedies that gave birth to the Black Lives Matter movement are being filtered into fiction film with anguished and stirring passion. They aren't the first movies to delve into such stories; Ryan Coogler, for one, told the story of Grant in 2013's "Fruitvale Station." But many more filmmakers are seeking to capture the humanity beneath the headlines, explicitly confronting the racial fissures in American society while channeling the sorrow and outrage of generations of black Americans.

Reinaldo Marcus Green's "Monsters and Men," which played at Toronto before opening in theaters later this month, has similarities to the killing of Eric Garner, the Staten Island man who was choked and killed by New York police after being approached on suspicion of selling single cigarettes. Green's film, set in Brooklyn's Bed-Stuy neighborhood, is about a Nuyorican teenager who witnesses a police officer kill an unarmed man selling loose cigarettes on the street.

Released this summer, Carlos López Estrada's "Blindspotting" stars Dav-

eed Diggs as an Oakland mover who, while stopped at a red light, watches a black man gunned down by a police officer. While deciding to come forward, he's racked by nightmares and arresting visions, like of a cemetery populated by hooded black men standing over their graves.

Barry Jenkins' "If Beale Street Could Talk," is a period film, adapted from James Baldwin's novel and set in Harlem in the early 1970s. But its intimate tale of two black lovers, Tish and Fonny, whose young lives are wrecked by a racist police officer who frames Fonny for rape, has obvious reverberations today.

"Right now we're living in a time and a moment where so many things he was writing about are incredibly relevant to the American soul," said Jenkins in an interview ahead of the film's Sunday premiere in Toronto. "There's an ecstatic quality to the way Baldwin writes love, but yet there's this permanent dread that hovers around them because of the situation they find themselves in. But also, too, because of what Baldwin is saying about the condition of black folks in America at the time he wrote this."

Other films have come un-

der criticism for not fitting with the times. Some questioned whether Kathryn Bigelow's "Detroit," about a hellacious night of police-inflicted torture during the Detroit riots was the ideal filmmaker to tell that story. Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman," about a black police officer who infiltrates a Ku Klux Klan chapter in 1970s Colorado, drew raves for its timely story about race and white supremacy. But it was criticized by "Sorry to Bother You" director Boots Riley for, at this moment, making a police officer "the protagonist in the fight against racist oppression."

"It's being put out while Black Lives Matter is a discussion, and this is not coincidental," argued Riley. He questioned the film's historical accuracy, claiming that its real-life police detective, Ron Stallworth, was really a "villain," since he may have helped destabilize black radical groups, not topple the KKK.

Real life also intruded on "The Hate U Give." One of its young white actors, Kian Lawley, was replaced by K.J. Apa after a video surfaced of Lawley using the n-word and making racist jokes. And while it was being prepped, Philando Castile, a 32-year-old black American, was pulled over while driving in Falcon Heights, Minnesota, and killed in a remarkably similar manner.

But part of what makes "The Hate U Give" so powerful is the way it takes such debate and disagreement around Black Lives Matter and compassionately distills it into a story about a 16-year-old girl (Amandla Stenberg) whose childhood best friend (Algee Smith) is shot and killed for reaching for a hairbrush after he's pulled over for not signaling a turn. The subsequent fallout is seen through the prism of family (it opens with a father's firm instruction on how motionless to act around police) and a community. It reserves empathy for all while not minimizing fury over such injustice. □

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Bill Daily, sidekick on hit 60s and 70s sitcoms, dies at 91

By ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Daily, the comic sidekick to leading men on the sitcoms "I Dream of Jeannie" and "The Bob Newhart Show," has died, a family spokesman said Saturday.

Daily died of natural causes in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Tuesday, at his home where he had been living with his son, J. Patrick Daily, spokesman Steve Moyer told The Associated Press. Daily was not a household name but he was a household face, familiar to many millions of baby-boomer viewers in the 1960s and '70s from two of the era's biggest shows.

He played Major Roger Healy in all five seasons of "I Dream of Jeannie" from 1965 to 1970. Healy was the astronaut partner to Larry Hagman's Major Anthony Nelson as both men tried to contain the antics of Jeannie, the childlike blond bombshell who lived in a bottle played by Barbara Eden.

Eden said on Twitter Friday night that Daily was "Our favorite zany astronaut." "Billy was wonderful to work with," Eden said. "He was a funny, sweet man that kept us all on our toes. I'm so thankful to have known and worked with that rascal."



In a Sept. 5, 2007 file photo, Bill Daily arrives for TV Land's 35th anniversary tribute to "The Bob Newhart Show," Wednesday, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

Just two years later he landed a very similar role and had an even longer run on "The Bob Newhart Show," playing aviator Howard Borden behind Newhart's psychologist Dr. Bob Hartley for 140 episodes between 1972 and 1978.

Newhart, now 89, said in a statement Saturday that he and Daily had been friends since both were trying to break into comedy in Chicago in the 1950s, and Daily was a clutch comedian that could make anything work on the sitcom.

"I called him our bullpen man. Whenever we were having trouble with a script on the show, we'd have Bill make an appearance," Newhart said. "He was one of the most positive people I ever knew, and we'll dearly miss him."

Daily saved scenes instead of stealing them like other sidekicks of the era. He specialized in support, upping the comic moments of his co-stars — his Newhart character was, fittingly, a co-pilot — with a goofy warmth.

Actor James Urbaniak called him the "king of affable vulnerability" on Twitter Friday.

But like all co-stars on long-running shows, he got occasional episodes of his own, including one where he stole the role of Jeannie's master from Hagman. Daily was born in Des Moines, Iowa, but raised in Chicago, which he always considered his hometown.

He said he was always a class clown despite losing his father while still a child. Before acting, he tried to make it in show business as a jazz bass player, playing in a combo called "Jack and the Beanstalks." Appearing in variety shows drew him into standup comedy and then acting.

He landed one-off roles on the oddball shows of the

early 1960s like "My Mother the Car" and "Bewitched," which brought him to the attention of the creators of "I Dream of Jeannie."

He said his work at first was derivative — and not very good.

"I was doing Bob Hope and Bing Crosby," Daily said in a 2003 interview with the Archive of American Television. "I was terrible. I think I was funny, but I didn't know what I was doing."

After "Jeannie" he returned to guest-starring roles, including one on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," before his old friend Newhart came seeking a sidekick.

On "The Bob Newhart Show," Daily's Howard Borden was the neighbor across the hall who always popped in looking to borrow or mooch something, like Kramer on "Seinfeld" two decades later.

He said the writers and his co-stars made the part a breeze.

"I just think the scripts were just written so beautifully," Daily said in the TV archive interview.

"And Bob was a brilliant straight man, he'd just give you everything."

Daily later appeared on game shows and in reunion specials for his two shows, and in later years hung out with his co-stars on the nostalgia convention circuit. □

Kate Spade, the company, honors Kate Spade, the fashion icon

By BROOKE LEFFERTS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A rosy hue washed over a room at the New York Public Library as models wearing vibrant pinks, greens and blues followed a winding silver line of glitter on a pink carpet. The shimmering line was an homage to late designer Kate Spade at the New York Fashion Week show of her former brand.

Spade, the creator of iconic handbags that became popular for their bright, playful style, killed herself in June after suffering from depression and anxiety for years. Though she and her

husband, Andy Spade, had sold the company they co-founded, it still carries her name and wanted to honor its icon Friday as it presented its spring collection.

When guests arrived, there was a note on their seats saying "she left a little sparkle everywhere she went. In loving memory 1962-2018." Spade, 55, walked away from the company in 2007 and its new owners — Coach, now known as Tapestry — tapped Nicola Glass as its new creative director. Glass' first collection is a modern twist on Spade classics with cheerful pat-

terns of hearts, flowers and, of course, spades. Knee-high boots in unexpected colors that included lavender and sunny yellow popped against silk dresses and high collared blouses. ... I was trying to get the essence of that and interpret it in a new way," Glass said. The brand known for accessories paired oversized sunglasses with glamorous silk headscarves that channeled Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Signature handbags included pink and purple clutches with bright red hearts, slouchy gingham totes, and yellow and green bucket bags with



Fashion from the Kate Spade collection is modeled during Fashion Week, Friday Sept. 7, 2018 in New York.

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cutout leather shapes. Unconventional trench coats were sheer pink and flow-er-spotted. Platform shoes were aimed at style as well as comfort. □

Cleaning the seabed: Divers halt the carnage of 'ghost' nets

By ELENA BECATOROS

Associated Press

POROS, Greece (AP) —

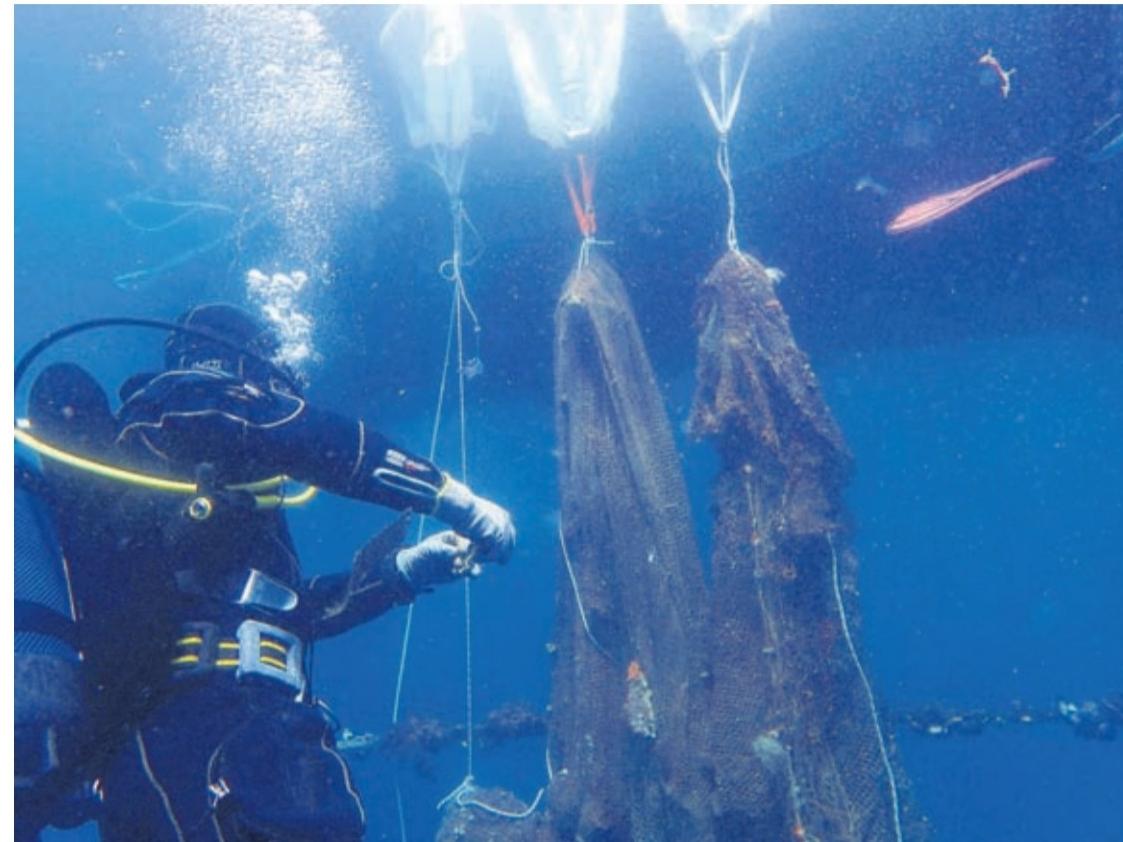
There are ghosts in the ocean. Silent killers carried by the currents, wrapping themselves around reefs and claiming the lives of millions of marine creatures great and small, from sponges and tiny crustaceans to dolphins, sharks and whales.

In their former lives, these ghosts were nets and other fishing gear essential to the livelihoods of millions around the world, and put food on the plates of millions more. But once lost, abandoned or discarded into the sea, these nets continue doing what they were designed to do: catch fish. Mostly made of strong plastic such as nylon, this lost gear known as ghost nets doesn't easily decompose.

"They can remain there for hundreds of years and continue fishing," said Maria Salomidi, environmental researcher at the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research. The trapped fish quickly become bait, attracting larger predators who in turn become entangled themselves.

"And so starts a vicious cycle which ... can kill anything from small crustaceans such as crabs and lobsters to large fish, turtles, seals, dolphins," Salomidi added.

This isn't the only damage the discarded nets cause. When they snag on rocks or coral, they can destroy entire underwater habitats. "A rock in the sea isn't just



In this Sunday, May 20, 2018, photo a group of divers recover an abandoned fishing net from the sea near Poros island, Greece.

a rock," Salomidi said. "A rock is full of life, it harbors many organisms. These organisms are injured and die under a net that has been caught on the rock."

Whole reefs can quickly turn into barren wastelands. An estimated 10 percent of all marine litter in the world's oceans and seas, or some 640,000 tons, is made up of lost or abandoned fishing gear, according to a 2009 report by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and the U.N. Environment Program, while the deaths they cause contribute to the decline of fish stocks. A group of volunteer divers aimed to disrupt this cycle of destruction when

they plunged recently into the depths off the coast of the Greek island of Poros in the Saronic Gulf to recover some of these ghost nets.

"It is a common secret — it's mainly fishermen who about know it — that the bottom of the sea is full of abandoned nets," said George Sarelakos of Aegean Rebreath, a group of volunteer mainly recreational divers that carries out underwater cleanups and raises awareness about marine pollution.

Descending through schools of fish, a pair of dolphins splashing overhead, the massive net came into view. It lay strewn across a seabed at a depth of 28

meters (92 feet), blanketing the rocky bottom and crushing sponges, anemones and other delicate sea life.

It took six divers about half an hour and four lift bags — inverted bags that can be filled with air from divers' tanks — to dislodge the net and bring it to the surface. Weighing an estimated 400 kilograms (882 pounds) and originating from a nearby fish farm, there was no telling how long the ghost net had been there.

The previous day, the team had recovered another hefty ghost net from shallow waters in the island's port and managed to cut free at least one struggling



In this Saturday, May 19, 2018, photo a diver pauses next to an abandoned fishing net a group of divers recovered from the sea along with other trash in Poros island, Greece.

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In this Sunday, May 20, 2018, photo a sponge lays on the seabed off the island of Paros, Greece, with visible signs of injury and damage from an abandoned fishing net.

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fish and several crustaceans.

Apart from divers and marine researchers, few people ever see this scourge of the world's marine environment. But the problem is extensive.

"Oceanic currents and winds can carry ghost fishing gear thousands of kilometers," said Veronika Mikos, project coordinator of Healthy Seas, a European initiative focusing on removing abandoned fishing gear and other marine litter.

"Even remote Antarctic habitats are not free from this pollution. Every ocean and sea on Earth is affected."

Healthy Seas was organizing a ghost net cleanup operation along with divers off the Greek island of Santorini on Friday, World Oceans Day.

Lost nets can also be a financial nightmare for those who make their living from the sea.

"It causes a big problem for a fisherman. It can destroy him, depending on how many meters (of nets) he loses," said Vangelis Roussos, a former professional fisherman on Poros who now runs a sea taxi.

Roussos said most ghost nets are lost by accident due to storms, currents or entanglement rather than deliberately discarded. Healthy seas, he added, are in the best interests of fishermen too.

"By cleaning up the sea, we have better fishing," Roussos said.

Addressing the impact of ghost nets has become a top priority for many international environmental organizations — the U.N.'s food and agriculture agency is holding a fisheries meeting on the topic in July in Rome.

Numerous charities and environmental groups carry out ghost net cleanups, and some partner with companies that then recycle old fishing gear to make anything from clothing and swimwear to carpets, sunglasses and skateboards. □